COLLECTIONS

Relating

The HOSPITAL at GRETHAM

in the County of DURHAM.

SHEWING

The Foundation thereof by *Robert Stichehill* Biſhop of *Durham*, about the Year 1272, and afterwards refounded and Incorporated by Letters Patent of King *James* 1*ſt.* 20*th.* July 1610, by the name of

MASTER and BROTHERS of the HOSPITAL of GOD in Gretham in the County Palatine of Durham.

TOGETHER WITH

Several *Charters*, *Grants*, *Viſitations*, *Inquiſitions*, *Rules and Ordinances* concerning the ſaid Hoſpital and Church of GRETHAM, ſo far as can be collected from Regiſters, Cloſe Rolls authentick Records, Wills and other Inſtruments in MSS. and Print.

Gather up the Fragments that remain. John 6. 12.

THE

LIFE

OF

ROBERT STICHEHILL

Biſhop of DURHAM

and Founder of Gretham Hoſpital.

ROBERT de STICHEHILL, or STICHILL * was bred a Monk in the Benedictine Monaſtery of Durham. Here by the violence of his temper and puerile behaviour, he is ſaid to have ſuffered diſgrace in his early Years. For on a certain Lordsday, this penance was enjoined him; he was ordered to ſit alone by himſelf on a Stool in the middle of the Choir for his ſtubborn and refractory Miſconduct, that bluſhing for ſhame and repenting of his late ill conduct, he might reform and become a new Man. Inſtead of this, he took the Stool by the feet and threw it out of the Choir amongſt the People; moreover it is ſaid that he once thought of apoſtatizing and deſerting the Fraternity for ever, but whilſt he was endeavouring to paſs by the Croſs in the Nothern part of the Choir in the Night (as it is ſaid.) He was admoniſhed by a Voice from Heaven to return and received a promiſe of the Biſhoprick, if he would perſevere in his Monaſtick State.

* Probaly ſo called from *Stichehill* a Place on the Borders of Scotland near the Hills of Cheviot.

Hence

Hence forward he bid farewell to his Levities and abundantly compenſated his former failings, by his future regularity and ſobriety. He made a great progreſs in his Studies, eſpecially of the Holy Scriptures, which much endeared him to the Prior and Convent, and was the occaſion of his riſeing in the Church. His Learning was admired by many, and his moral behaviour by more. He was the Son of a Prieſt, and conſequently incapable of receiving Orders; but a Brother Monk a great admirer of his Abilities named *Henry de Horncaſtle* afterwards Prior of Coldingham procured a diſpenſation unkown to him.

He was ſome Years Prior of Finkhall, a Cell near Durham, which office he managed very prudently and to the great content and ſatisfaction of the whole Convent. *Walter de Kirkham* Biſhop of Durham dying Auguſt the 9. 1260 this *Robert* was his immediate Succeſſor to the Miter: Leave of Election being granted by the King on Auguſt the 28. 44. Henry III. (An. 1260,) the Monks choſe him the 30 of September following, the King gave him reſtitution of the Temporalties the 5 of December and he was conſecrated by *Godefrid* Arch Biſhop of York at Southwell the 13 of February. He gave to the Prior and Convent MCCC. Acres of his wood Lands (de boſco ſuo) and granted them many other Favours.

King *Henry* III. had ſeized upon all the Lands of *Simon Mountford* Earl of Leiceſter, who had taken up Arms againſt him, and was ſlain in the Battle of Eveſham the 4 of Auguſt 1265. Among other forfeited Eſtates of this great Rebel was the Manor of Gretham in the County of Durham which the King gave to his favourite *Thomas Clare*. But the Biſhop having jura regalia in his Palatinate challenged it, as due unto him, by the Earls Attainder, and at laſt recovered it from the Crown by Law However to make all ſafe and ſecure, Sir *Peter de Mountford* (Grandſon I preſume of *Simon de Mountford*) made over all his Right and Title (if he had any) to this Manor, and to the Advowſon of the Church here to Biſhop *Robert*, and confirmed his grant by a Charter,

He had Summons to Parliament 49. Henry III. Anno 1264 Rymers Feodra 1 V. 802.

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The Biſhop being thus ſettled in the poſſeſſion of this confiſcated Manor by virtue of his Royal prerogative of jura Regalia and other legal Securities ſoon determined in his own mind to erect an Hoſpital in the place. Accordingly ſome time after he generouſly founded an Hoſpital, dedicated it to the Honor of God, the Bleſſed Virgin Mary and Saint *Cuthbert* (that Goliah Saint of the North.) In this Hoſpital he placed a Maſter, five Prieſts, two Clerks and forty of the moſt indigent poor People in his Dioces. For their ſupport and maintenance he granted all the Manor with its appurtenances, the Advowſon of the Church thereof, to be converted to their own uſe and emolument. He likewiſe freed the ſaid Manor from all ſorts of Charges and Incumbrances whatſoever. He alſo granted forty Days indulgence to any Perſon that having confeſſed, and being contrite, ſhould make any charitableDonation to this Hoſpital.

Hugh de Derlington Prior of Durham and the Convent approved and confirmed this Act of the Biſhop the 8 January 1272: He obliged the Monks, that after they had profeſſed before the Prior, they ſhould alſo do it to him, and receive from him his ſolemn Bleſſing. He made the Church at Howden belonging to the See of Durham a Collegiate Church, Pope *Gregory* IV. in the Month of May 1274 convened a Council at Lyons (Lugdunum) to which our Biſhop went, and on his return from thence, being taken very ill, died on the 4 of Auguſt 1274 at a Caſtle called Arbypeyllis. He was 14 Years Biſhop, his Body was buried abroad in a Monaſtery of the Benedictine Order, but his Heart was conveyed to England and ſent to Durham, and buried in the Chapter-houſe amongſt his Predeceſſors.

The Biſhops at this time had no power to make a Will and thereby freely to diſpoſe of the Corn growing and Goods they had in right of their Church, without a Licence from the King.

The Executors of the deceaſed Biſhop, having put in Pledges to ſatisfy all the Debts owing to the King, he thereupon iſſued this Writ to the

Guardians

Guardians of the temporalties for their free adminiſtration of his Goods, and reaping the Corn he had Sowed on his temporalties, to perform his Teſtament.

Cl. 2. Edward I. *m.* 5. *Intus pro Executor Teſtamenti Epiſcopi Dunelm.* 1274.

Rex dilectis et fidelibus ſuis *Johanni de Lovetot*, et *Galfrido de Neubald*, Cuſtodibus Epiſcopatus *Dunholm.* ſalutem. Quia frater *Hugo* quondam Prior *Dunholm.* et Magiſter *Rogerus de Seyton*, manuceperunt pro executoribus Teſtamenti bonæ memoriæ *Roberti* quondam *Dunholm.* Fpiſcopi, de debitis, ſi quæ idem Epiſcopus die quo obiit debuit, reddend. Vobis mandamus, quod eiſdem Executoribus plenam adminiſtationem omnium bonorum quæ fuerunt prædicti Fpiſcopi habere permittatis, ad Teſtamentum ipſius Epiſcopi plenarie perficiend. Permittatis etiam eoſdem executores blada et alia bona quæ fuerunt dicti Fpiſcopi in Maneriis prædicti Epiſcopatus, pro voluntate ſua reponere, prout ſibi magis viderint expedire. Teſte Rege apud *Wyndes.* 27. die *Auguſti.*

Prynns Hiſt. Popes Uſurpations, 134.

THE MANOR *of* GREATHAM.

SIMON de Montford Earl of Leiceſter in the time of King Henry III. aſſumed the ſupreme power which he held above a year, under the ſpecious character of miniſter, whilſt he had the king and prince Edward in his power, compelling him to put his hand and ſeal to every inſtrument he choſe to iſſue. During this period, Robert Stichill biſhop and Hugh de Darlington prior of Durham were ſummoned to the parliament held under his influence A. D. 1264. Prince Edward having ſoon after regained his liberty, and being joined by ſeveral of the moſt powerful barons, who were grown impatient of Leiceſter's tyranny and ambition, put an end to his authority at the battle at Eveſham, which was fought on the 4th of Auguſt 1265, where he fell among the ſlain.

At this time the earl of Leiceſter, or Peter de Montford his ſon, were poſſeſſed of the manor of Greatham, within the palatinate of Durham, which by this rebellion, became forfeited. The king immediately ſeized the ſame, believing, as he ſets forth in his grant after mentioned, that ſuch forfeitures belonged to his crown within the liberties of Durham, equally with thoſe lying out of that juriſdiction; and he gave it to his favourite Thomas de Clare. The biſhop proſecuted his claim for this forfeited manor, as being the right of his See, where, under the *jura regalia* of his palatinate, he had a juſt title to all ſuch forfeited lands, and other things, as the king had in right of his crown in other parts of his realm. And the ſame being brought before the king's council, the king, by his letters patent to the biſhop, ſetting forth, that at the inſtance of him, and others his faithful ſubjects, and by the information of his council, he was given to underſtand, that he could not make ſuch grant, *without doing wrong to the biſhop and his church, and injuring the aforeſaid liberty*, in which he had *jura regalia;* and being induced at once to do ſtrict juſtice, and reſtore to the biſhop his right, he revoked the grant to Clare, and for him and his heirs willed and granted, that the biſhop ſhould do his pleaſure within the ſaid manor, and others the lands and tenements within his regality, forfeited, and to him eſcheated, as the king did with other lands forfeited to his crown; declaring, that ſuch before mentioned grant to Clare ſhould not be made a precedent, or the biſhop, or his ſucceſſors, or their liberty, ſhould be in any wiſe prejudiced thereby in future. Theſe letters patent are dated from Stratford the 23d May, in the 51ſt year of the king's reign 1267. * By the rehearſals in the before mentioned royal

* Henricus dei gratia &c. Omnibus ad quos præſentes Literæ pervenerint ſalutem. Cum nuper per conflictum habit. apud Eveſham, de conſilio magnatum et fidelium noſtrorum, quædam terra et tenementa inimicorum

royal letters patent, it is ſhewn, that Greatham was the eſtate of Peter Montford, and ſuch authority is preferable to the aſſertions of ſome authors, who ſay, the forfeiture was derived from Simon earl of Leiceſter. It appears, that the biſhop to ſecure the title, purchaſed the claim of Peter de Montford, the ſon of Peter, which he confirmed by his grant. But what ſeems moſt ſingular is, that in the deed of foundation of the hoſpital after mentioned, the biſhop doth not ſet forth, that he came to the manor by forfeiture, but by the grant of Peter, "*Ex dono ſpecialis amici noſtri domini Petri de Monteforti* "*ad divini numinis cultum augmentandum*," *&c.* which tends to depreciate the dignity of the palatinate. If there was any legal doubt of the biſhop's not being fully inveſted with *jura regalia* within the wapentake of Sadberge, in which Greatham lies, then, to cure the defect, the grant from Peter the grandſon was a judicious meaſure, and it ſeems as if ſome ſuch doubt had then ariſen. The biſhop being quieted in this poſſeſſion, founded an hoſpital at Greatham, which he dedicated to God, the bleſſed Mary, and St Cuthbert, wherein he placed a maſter, five prieſts, two clerks, and forty indigent people; and for the maintenance thereof, granted the manor, with its appendages, together with the advowſon of the church, which he exempted from all charges. He alſo publiſhed an indulgence of forty days to ſuch as ſhould contribute thereto. Hugh prior of Durham, with his convent, approved and confirmed this act of the biſhop, under their chapter-ſeal, the 8th of January 1272.

inimicorum et rebellium noſtrorum in turbatione habit. in regno noſtro per fideles noſtros prædictos occupata et ſeiſita in parliamento noſtro Wintoniæ, ut nobis forisfacta in manum noſtram reddita fuiſſent. Et nos poſtmodum manerium de Greatham quod fuit Petri de Monteforti inimici noſtri et quod eſt in libertate Epiſcopi Dunelm de Halewarke folke contuliſſemus dilecto et fideli noſtro Thomæ de Clare, credentes hujuſmodi colocationem nos infra libertatem prædictam ſicut alibi in regno noſtro facere poſſet; ac ad inſinuationem prædicti Epiſcopi et aliorum fidelium noſtrorum, ac etiam per concilium noſtrum intelleximus, *quod prædictam Collocationem facere non poſſemus ſine prædicti Epiſcopi et Eccleſiæ ſuæ prejudicio et libertatis prædictæ leſione, in qua quidam libertate jura regalia habet;* Nos unicuique juſticiam facere, et jus ſuum tribuere volentes, ut tenemur, prædictam collocationem noſtrum per nos factam pro nobis et hæredibus noſtris penitus revocamus. Volentes et concedentes pro nobis et hæredibus noſtris, quod prædictum Epiſcopum de manerio prædicto et aliis terris et tenementis infra regale ſuum prædictum forisfactis et ſibi eſchaetis, *faciat voluntatem ſuam* ſicut nos de hujuſmodi terris nobis forisfactis alibi faciamus in regno noſtro, ita quod collocatio prædicta a nobis de prædicto manerio ſicut prædictum eſt futuris temporibus in conſequentiam non trahatur, ne prædicto Epiſcopo vel ſucceſſoribus ſuis aut etiam libertati ſuæ prædictæ in aliquo præjudicet in futuro. In cujus rei teſtimonium has literas noſtras fieri fecimus patentes. Teſte meipſo apud Stratford xxiij die Maii anno regni noſtri quinquageſſimo primo.

See Dugdales Hiſt. Church of Durham p. 76. Godwin 656. Camden Brit. 943. &c.

There is much confuſion touching Greatham, from whom the Biſhop derived the Eſtates wherewith he endowed the Hoſpital. By the records above refered to, they are declared to come *by forfeiture* from Peter de Montford, and by the next Grant, it appears the Biſhop *purchaſed them* of Peter's Son. Wharton, in the Anglia Sacra p. 742 (quotes Rob. de Grayſtanes) and ſets forth, *nam ipſam villam Epiſcopus emerat a quodam Bertramo cognomine*, and in the liſts of Knights from Durham at the battle of Lewes in 1264, we find a Sir Robert Bertram de Greatham.

GRANT of The Manor of Gretham by Peter Montfort.

CARTA *Petri *filii Domini* Petri *de* Monteforti *Militis, de ſuo Manerio de* Gretham *conceſſo* Roberto Stychill *Epiſcopo Dunelmenſi.*

SCIANT præſentes et futuri, quod Ego *Petrus* filius et hæres quondam Domini *Petri de Monteforti*, dedi conceſſi et hac præſenti Carta mea confirmavi Domino *Roberto de Stychill*, Totum Manerium meum de *Gretham* Dunelmenſis Dioceſios, cum *Advocatione Eccleſiæ* ejuſdem Villæ, Homagiis, Wardis, Releviis, Eſchaetis, Redditibus, et Serviciis, tam Liberorum quam Villanorum, et omnibus aliis pertinentiis; Tenendum et Habendum integraliter et abſque aliquo retinemento dicto *Roberto* ſuis hæredibus et aſſignatis liberè quietè hæreditariè in perpetuum de capitalibus Dominis feodi, faciendo inde dictis Dominis ſervitia debita et conſueta: Ego vero *Petrus* et hæredes mei dicto Domino *Roberto* ſuis hæredibus et aſſignatis, Totum Manerium prædictum cum omnibus pertinentiis ut prædictum eſt contra omnes homines et fœminas warrantizabimus per ſervitium prædictum acquietabimus in omnibus et per omnia defendemus

* Peter de Montfort *the Younger ſiding with his Father the* Earl *of* Leiceſter *in the Rebellion againſt* K. Henry 3*d. was wounded and taken Priſoner in the Battle of* Eveſham *anno* 1265 *(where his Father loſt his life) and thereupon committed to the cuſtody of* Thomas Clare, *unto whom his forfeited Lands were granted by Patent* 56 Hen. 3*d.* 1272. Robert Stichill *then Biſhop of Durham alſo ſeized his Farms within his own Juriſdiction, which the King denying him it came to be tried, and being adjudged the Biſhops right, he founded and endowed* Greatham Hoſpital *with them,* Dug. Bar. 1 V. 409, Godwins Cat. Biſhops 656. — Camden *ſays*, Biſhop Stichill *built and endowed a good Hoſpital at* Greatham, *the Manor of this Town being beſtowed upon him by* Peter de Montfort.

defendemus: Et ut hæc mea donatio conceſſio et præſentis Cartæ confirmatio robur firmitatis obtineat inperpetuum præſentibus Sigillum meum appoſui; Hiis Teſtibus Magiſtris † *Rogero Seyton* tunc Domini Regis Juſticiario, *Rogero de Cana* tunc Domini Dunelmenſis Cancellario, Dominis ‡ *Galfrido Ruſſell* tunc Seneſcallo Dunelm. *Thoma de Huck, Willielmo de Ryther, Rogero de Butterley, Ricardo Harpyn, Willielmo filio ſuo, Thoma de Whitworth, Gilberto de Heworth, Roberto de Brunnyinghill, Alexandro de Bydick,* ‖ *Laurentio de Lynce,* et aliis.

† Roger de Seyton *was Juſtice of the Common Pleas from* 1269 *to* 1275. *In* 1274 *he with* Hugh de Derlington *Prior of Durham were bound for the Executors of* Robert Stichell *Biſhop of Durham (who died* 12 *Auguſt* 1274 *) to pay his Debts to the King and perform his Will.* Summary part of Rapin's Hiſt. England Vol. 5. p. 255. and Prynn's Papal Uſurpations 134.

‡ Galfridus Ruffell *by his Charter* 1274 *founded a Chantery for one Chaplain in the Chappel of St. Mary Magdalene at* Cotum Amundeville upon Scyrn *in the Pariſh of Haughton, to pray for the Souls of* Tho. de Amundeville Ralph *his Father and* Clare *his Mother; which Chappel is now totally gone down and no remains left.* Ex Autograph.

‖ Laurence de Lynce *was Sheriff of Durham in* 1274.

FOUNDATION CHARTER.

CARTA Roberti Stichell *Dunelmenſis Epiſcopi de Fundatione ejuſdem Hoſpitalis.* 1272.

(Dugdale's Monaſticon 2 Vol. p. 457.)

ROBERTUS Dei gratia Dunelmenſis Epiſcopus, Omnibus ſanctæ matris Eccleſiæ filiis ad quos præſens ſcriptum pervenerit, ſalutem in Domino ſempiternam. Noveritis, Nos pro ſalutæ animæ noſtræ et animarum Regum Angliæ Archiepiſcoporum Ebor. Eccleſiæ, ac etiam omnium Epiſcoporum et Monachorum Dunelmenſium, necnon et Parochianorum noſtrorum et omnium fidelium defunctorum, de conſenſu Capituli noſtri Dunelmiæ, dediſſe et conceſſiſſe, et præſenti Cartâ noſtrâ confirmaſſe Deo et beatæ Mariæ et S. Cuthberto, in quorum nomine et honore Hoſpitale de *Gretham* fundari fecimus, ac Magiſtro et Fratribus dicti Hoſpitalis de *Gretham* Deo ibidem ſervientibus et ſervituris imperpetuum; ad ſuſtentaionem eorundem pauperum et egenorum ad eundem locum confluentium, in puram liberam et perpetuam elemoſinam, *Totum Manerium noſtrum de*

☞ *The Lands wher now* Greatham *Hoſpitale is by* Hertelpole *was longing to* Peter Mountefort *of the Erldome of Leyreceſtar, and being attaynted the Kynge enteryd on the Lande, then the Byſhope of Dureſme made Sute to the Kynge, ſayenge, that attayntyd Land in the Byſhopriche ſhuld be his, and proving that to be trew, he had the Land, and made there an Hoſpitall, and induyd it withe the ſame.* Lelands Itinerary Vol. 8. p. 42.

This Hoſpital was valued 26 *Hen.* 8. 1535 *at* 100. 0. 3 *in the whole, and* 97. 6. 3 *clear, but being a Lay-foundation it was not within either of the diſſolving Statutes* 27 *and* 31 *Hen.* 8, *for which reaſon the Hoſpital is now exiſting, and the Maſterſhip thereof is in the Gift of the Biſhop of Durham.*

de Gretham cum ſuis pertinentiis, una cum Advocatione Eccleſiæ dicti Manerii; quam Eccleſiam poſt ceſſionem vel deceſſum *Mauricii* Clerici qui præfatam Eccleſiam nunc tenet ad Hoſpitalitatem ibidem ſuſtinendam, auctoritate Pontificali in proprios uſus eiſdem Magiſtro et Fratribus concedimus convertendam; (quod quidem Manerium habuimus de dono ſpecialis amici noſtri Domini *Petri de Monteforti* ad divini nominis cultum augmentandum,) et ad infirmorum et pauperum inopiis providendum, tam in Meſſuagiis, Gardinis, Terris arabilibus, Pratis, Paſcuis, et Paſturis, quam in Redditibus, Homagiis, Fidelitatibus, et Conſuetudinibus, Molendinis, Sectis, Wardis, Releviis, et Eſcaetis, Villenagiis, una cum Villanis, Catallis, et eorum Sequelis, et cum omnibus aliis pertinentiis tam nominatis, quam innominatis, ad dictum Manerium ſpectantibus.

Habenda et tenenda dictis Deo et beatæ Mariæ et S. Cuthberto et dictis Magiſtro et Fratribus Hoſpitalis prædicti de *Gretham* benè et in pacè liberè et quietè imperpetuum, in liberam puram et perpetuam elemoſinam ut prædictum eſt, ſicut aliqua elemoſina liberius melius et quietius dari vel concedi poterit.

Volumus etiam quod dictum Hoſpitale et Manerium prædictum una cum advocatione Eccleſiæ prædictæ, et Magiſtri et Fratres dicti Hoſpitalis, et omnes homines ſui de *Gretham*, quieti ſint per totum Epiſcopatum noſtrum, et totam poteſtatem noſtram, ab omni Scotto Theoloneo Stallagio et Geldo in omnibus Mercatis et Nundinis noſtris et Paſſagiis, et omnibus Auxiliis, Tallagiis Pontium Murorum et Caſtrorum, Vicecomitum, Coronatorum, et omnium Miniſtrorum ſuorum, et omnibus ſectis Wapentakorum Comitatuum, Marchiarum

Marchiarum, Curiarum, et omnimodis ſummonitionibus, ita quod nullus Ballivus noſter vel ſucceſſorum noſtrorum de dicto Manerio de *Gretham*, nec de dicto Hoſpitali, nec de Magiſtris dicti Hoſpitalis ſe aliquo modo intromittant, niſi Magiſter dicti Hoſpitalis vel Ballivi ſui.

Volumus etiam, quod Magiſter dicti Hoſpitalis et Fratres ejuſdem, et omnes homines ſui de *Gretham*, quieti ſint ab omnibus amerciamentis et finibus et aliis forisfacturis coram Juſticiariis noſtris, vel aliis Ballivis noſtris et ſucceſſorum noſtrorum; ſalva tamen nobis et ſucceſſoribus noſtris juſticia mortis et membrorum.

Prohibemus etiam ne Magiſtri prædicti Hoſpitalis ponantur in Placitum de aliquo Tenemento ſuo, vel aliqua poſſeſſione ſua, niſi coram nobiſmet ipſis vel Juſticiariis noſtrisi tinerantibus, ſed habeant omnes libertates et liberas conſuetudines quas regalis poteſtas noſtra alicui domui dare vel concedere poterit.

Qui vero hanc elemoſinam noſtram prædictam in aliquibus bonis augere vel promovere voluerint, concedimus illis participationem omnium beneficiorum quæ in prædicto Hoſpitali et Eccleſiâ noſtrâ Dunelmiæ fiant imperpetuum: Univerſis verovere contritis et confeſſis qui de bonis ſibi à Deo collatis dicto Hoſpitali aliquod caritativè contulerint, vel Hoſpitali prædicto Magiſtro et Fratribus ibidem commorantibus in ſuis neceſſitatibus piè ſubvenerint, quadraginta dies de pœnitentiâ ſibi injunctâ miſericorditer relaxavimus.

Si qui vero præmiſſa vel aliquod præmiſſorum auſu temerario infringere, minuere, vel perturbare præſumpſerint, indignationem

omnipotentis

omnipotentis Dei et beatæ Mariæ Virginis, ac etiam S. Cuthberti, ac omnium Sanctorum noverint se incursuros. Et ut hæc omnia præmissa robur firmitatis optineant imperpetuum, Sigillum nostrum præsenti scripto duximus apponendum.

NOS autem *Hugo *Prior Dunelmiæ et ejusdem loci Conventus, omnia et singula supradicta ratificantes approbantes, ac de communi consensu et unanimi voluntate nostra confirmantes ad majorem securitatem et imposterum firmitatem Sigillum Capituli nostri una cum Sigillo Venerabilis Patris nostri Episcopi supradicti, præsentibus Literis Patentibus fecimus apponi. Data apud Dunelmum die Sabbati in crastino Epiphaniæ Domini anno ab Incarnatione Domini* MCCLXXII. *Pontificatus nostri anno* XI.

* Hugh de Derlington *was elected Prior of Durham* 16 *August* 1258, *being grown as he aledg'd too infirm for his Office, he resigned the same* 8 *January* 1273. *He was rechosen Prior* 3. *January* 1285, *& confirmed by* Anthony Beke *Bishop of Durham at Bagworth near Leicester. After four Years Government, he resigned a second time, on the* 11 *March* 1289 *on account of his Age. He had Summons to Parliament with* Bishop Stichill 49 *Hen.* 3. *anno* 1264. — Willis Hist. Abbies *Vol.* 1. *p.* 260 — Anglia Sacra *Vol.*1. *p.* 748. — Rymers Fædera *Vol.* 1.*p.* 802.

1264. Hugo de Derlington *Prior Dunelm. fecit. mag. Campanile, parcos de* Beaurepair *et* Muggleswik, *stagnum de* Fery Pitington, Benliffe, Mukelinge. *Ille fecit Manerium de* Ketton, *Capella, Aule, et Cameras de eodem, Cameras de* Pitington, West Stow *et* Wardlaw, *postea a Scotis destructæ. Fecit insuper Cameram de* Mugleswik, *Aqua de* Devernensset *et de* Brown. — Lelands Itin. *Vol.* 8. *p.* 45.

STATUTES *and* ORDINANCES.

STATUTA *et* ORDINATIONES *Domus de* GREATHAM.

23. Januarii 1272.

UNIVERSIS ſanctæ matris Eccleſiæ filiis **Robertus* Dei gratia Dunelmenſis Epiſcopus ſalutem in Domino ſempiternam. Fugiter meditantes quam pium ſit et meritorium operibus caritatis inſiſtere, et diem extremum bonis actibus prævenire advertentes, etiam Prædeceſſorum noſtrorum felicis recordationis Dunelmenſium Epiſcoporum beneficia magnifica, qui Divinitus inſpirati ad honorem Dei et Pauperum ſuſtentationem plures ordinaverunt manſiones ipſorum ſequi veſtigia decrevimus, et apud *Gretham* Hoſpitale ſub certa forma ordinavimus ad cultus divini augmentum, indigentium relevamen, in nomine Domini ſicut inferius continetur.

Statuimus et Ordinamus, ut in Hoſpitali prædicto apud *Gretham* quod pro ſalute animæ noſtræ et animarum Prædeceſſorum et ſucceſſorum noſtrorum fundavimus et dotavimus, et cui dedimus, totum Manerium de *Gretham* cum pertinentiis ſuis omnibus, una cum Advocatione Eccleſiæ, ſicut Carta noſtra ſuper hoc facta, quam habent Magiſter et Fratres prædicti Hoſpitalis teſtatur) ſint *unus Magiſter et Presbyter*, *at alii quinque Presbyteri*, *et duo Clerici*, converſationis honeſtæ et competentis literaturæ, ſint perpetuis temporibus miniſtrantes, et *quadraginta Pauperes*, Maneriorum Epiſcopi Dunelmenſis magis indigentes, de bonis prædicti Hoſpitalis perpetuo ſuſtentandi

* Robert Stichill *was conſecrated Biſhop of Durham* 13 *Feb.* 1261, *& died* 4 *Auguſt* 1274. Anglia Sacra 739.

tentandi, *viz.* *Andreas de Staneley* Preſbyter, quem Magiſtrum et Cuſtodem ejuſdem Hoſpitalis conſtituimus, et quinque alii Sacerdotes ſibi aſſociandi, et unus vel duo Clerici, ſecundum quod prædicta Magiſtro viſum fuerit expedire, qui ſingulis diebus matutinas et ceteras horas canonicas in Capella loci ejuſdem ſimul cantent et compleant bono modo commendationem, Placebo et Dirige, hora competenti ad hæc proviſa, pro animabus fidelium decantando ſinguli etiam Preſbyterorum Miſſarum ſolempnia exigant ſicut inferius continetur.

Ad unam menſam comedant, in una domo jaceant, niſi hoc alicujus infirmitas vel certa cauſa et rationabilis non permitat, qui præfato Magiſtro et ſuis Succeſſoribus erunt obedientes et pleniter intendentes et ab eo pro Stipendiis et labore certam pecuniæ quantitatam una cum menſa honorabili percipiant annuatim, Clericum vero vel Clericus quos ibidem eſſe contigit, idem Magiſter eoſdem ſecundum ſui ſtatus exhigentiam exhibebit. Quando autem prædictum *Andream* nunc illius loci Magiſtrum, vel ſuos Succeſſores qui pro tempore fuerint in fata decedere, cedere, vel culpis ſuis exigentibus amoveri contigerit, per nos vel ſucceſſores noſtros loco ipſius ſubſtituatur alius idoneus ſine mora. Et ſi Dunelmenſis Eccleſia vacaverit, Prior Dunelmenſis Magiſtrum ſubſtituat dicto loco. Reliqui vero Preſbyteri et Clerici ſi ſuſpecti fuerint vel minus ſufficientes vel minus bene ſe habentes per Magiſtrum amoveantur, ac loco ipſorum alios ſubſtituat, ſicut viderit faciendum. Si vero Magiſtrorum aliquis in cuſtodia et regimine prædicti Hoſpitalis laudabiliter ſe habuerint, ſine culpa ſua in debilitatem vel caſum alium inciderit,

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propter quod alium ſubſtitui oporteat de bonis Hoſpitalis ſuſtentetur dum vixerit, ſi de ſuo non habeat aliunde, unde valeat ſuſtentari.

Statuimus et Ordinamus, quod nullus ibidem præficiatur in Magiſtrum *niſi fuerit Sacerdos* ſciens et prudens in Spiritualibus et Temporalibus, qui perſonaliter illius loci curam agat niſi pro negotiis domus ipſum abeſſe oportuerit, et tam ipſe quam Preſbyteri in executione divinorum ſuppellicio et cappa nigra more Canonicorum de ſancto Auguſtino utantur honeſtè et ſalubriter converſando.

Pauperes vero uſque ad numerum ſupraſcriptum Domum habeant competentem, in qua comedant et quieſcant, quos præfatus Magiſter ſecundum vires et facultates loci in neceſſariis exhibebit Proviſo quod infirmi et magis indigentes ibidem ſine perſonarum acceptatione recolligantur, et dum impotentes fuerint ſuſtententur; Si vero ipſorum aliquis inhoneſtus vel intolerabilis fuerit, per Magiſtrum ejiciatur, et eidem alius ſubſtituatur; Singuli quoque eorum quadam hora diei et noctis dicant preces et orationes, ſicut in ordinatione Hoſpitalis de *Shireburne* plenius continetur. Et unum de prudentioribus habeant, qui per proviſionem Magiſtri ſit eis quaſi loco Prioris, et pronunciet preces faciendas ſicut in ſimilibus locis mos eſt: Accedant etiam ad Capellam ad hoc potentes horas et miſſam audituri, cæteri autem in lectis ſuis dicant, ſicut poterint preces ſuas. Et ut ſciatur horarum diſtinctio, in qualibet hora pulſetur Campana, Proviſo quod prædicti pauperes hora debita reficiantur et habeatur ratio infirmorum. Si vero bona ad tam pium opus collata, aut devotione fidelium conferenda ad majora ſufficere valeant

valeant, Volumus et ordinamus, quod *ſecundum abundantiam, numerus Pauperum augmentetur, et ſi decreverint, (quod abſit) numerus minuatur*, ſecundum quod Magiſtro videbitur antedicto, ita ut de induſtria Magiſtri qui pro tempore fuerit, et ſtatu prædicti Hoſpitalis evadere appareat.

Statuimus et ordinamus quod per Epiſcopum Dunelmenſem qui pro tempore fuerit, vel aliquem cui partes ſuas committere duxerit vel injungere, bis in anno et ſæpius ſi oportuerit viſitetur locus ille vel * ligentur, ut in perſonis et rebus ſtatuatur, et fiat quod Epiſcopo videbitur optimum: Et audiatur ratio aut compotus Magiſtri de omnibus quæ Hoſpitale contingunt aliqualiter antedandis; nec licebit Magiſtro prædicto quicquam de rebus Hoſpitalis prædicti immobilibus alienare, Villanos aut Servos manumittere, dare ac vendere de gardino; Vaſtum vel exitum facere, nec etiam mobilia notabiliter diſtrahere, ſine noſtra vel ſucceſſorum noſtrorum licentia ſpeciali; nec de eiſdem aliquod legare vel diſponere in ultima voluntate.

Nobis autem et ſucceſſoribus noſtris Epiſcopis Dunelmenſibus, ſub quorum protectione et gubernatione antedictum Hoſpitale conſiſtit, præſentem corrigendi ordinationem, modificandi, declarandi, et ſtatuendi quod utile videbitur, plenam retinemus et reſervamus per omnia poteſtatem.

Datum *Dunelmi* XXIII die menſis *Januarii*, anno ab Incarnatione Domini ſecundum curſum et computationem Eccleſiæ Anglicanæ *Milleſimo ducenteſimo ſeptuageſimo ſecundo*, et Pontificatus noſtri anno duodecimo.

* ligentur. *Quid hoc ſit, neſcio.*

APPROPRIATION *of* Greatham Church.

APPROPRIATIO *Eccleſiæ de* Greatham.

UNIVERSIS ſanctæ Matris Eccleſiæ Filiis ad quos præſentes literæ pervenerint; *Antonius* permiſſione divina Dunelmenſis Epiſcopus ſalutem in Domino ſempiternam. Pium ac laudabile Prædeceſſoris noſtri propoſitum imitati, Eccleſiam Parochialem de *Gretham* noſtræ Dioceſeos cum ſuis pertinentiis omnibus Magiſtro et Fratribus Hoſpitalis de Gretham, ac eidem Hoſpitali quod idem Prædeceſſor noſter fundavit atque dotavit, aſſignamus appropriamus et concedimus in proprios uſus perpetuo poſſidendam, poteſtate ordinandi numerum Capellanorum et Clericorum ampliorem in dicto Hoſpitali Deo ſerviturorum nobis reſervata, prout in noſtræ appropriationis literis plenius continetur. Advertentes itaque ordinationem Prædeceſſoris noſtri præfati in fundatione dicti Hoſpitalis ſuper numero Capellanorum et Clericorum in ipſo Hoſpitali Deo perpetuo ſerviturorum; viz. quod ſint ibi unus Magiſter et Preſbyter, et alii quinque Capellani, et duo Clerici literaturæ competentis, Deo perpetuo ſervientes: Et quod in eodem Hoſpitali ſint quadraginta Pauperes de Maneriis Dunelmenſis Epiſcopi magis indigentes de bonis ejuſdem Hoſpitalis perpetuo ſuſtentandi, provida deliberatione ac rationabiliter factam extitiſſe, prout in literis ordinationis prædictis Prædeceſſoris noſtri vidimus plenius contineri, eidem intendimus aliqualiter derogari, ſed ipſam inviolabiliter obſervari ſtatuimus, et decrevimus per præſentes eidem ordinationi adjicientes de conſenſu et voluntate Magiſtri et Fratrum Hoſpitalis prædicti in nomine Patris et Filii et Spiritus ſancti. Amen.

Statuimus

Statuimus et Ordinamus ſerie præſentium et tenore quod prædicti numeri Capellanorum et Clericorum prædictorum, ſint in dicto Hoſpitali unus Capellanus et unus Clericus idoneus, et converſationis honeſtæ, Deo ibidem una cum aliis Capellanis et Clericis ſumptibus ejuſdem Hoſpitalis ſecundum ordinationem modum vitam et regulam per dictum Prædeceſſorem noſtrum in dicta ſua ordinatione et traditione perpetuo ſervituri,

Volentes ex nunc et decernentes, quod tam hæc noſtra quam ſupradicta Prædeceſſoris noſtri ordinatio, nec non et regula per eundem Prædeceſſorem noſtrum dictis Magiſtro et Fratribus ac Pauperibus data et tradita, quæ penes ipſos Magiſtrum et Fratres ſub ſigillo ejuſdem Prædeceſſoris noſtri reſident conſignata, in omnibus et per omnia robur perpetuò obtineant firmitatis, authoritate Dioceſana ſemper ſalva. In cujus rei teſtimonium has Literas noſtras fieri fecimus Patentes.

SURRENDER *of a Place in* Greatham Hoſpital *from* Walter Donant. 1352.

WALTERUS DONANT venit hic in Cancellariam XII die *Octobris* anno Pontificatus Domini *Thomæ* Dunelmenſis Epiſcopi octavo, et cognovit ſcriptum ſubſequens eſſe factum ſuum et petiit illud irrotulari et irrotulatur in hæc verba.

Sciant præſentes et futuri quod ego *Willielmus Donant* de Gretham remiſi relaxavi et omnino de me imperpetuum quietum clamavi Magiſtro ſive Cuſtodi et Fratribus Hoſpitalis de Gretham, totum jus et clameum quæ habui in *uno Pane de ſecundo Pane et dimidia Lagena Cerviſiæ de ſecunda Cerviſia* Hoſpitalis de Gretham prædicta, *uno Raccatu Fœni, uno Pek Avenarum* ſingulis diebus in Hoſpitali prædicto percipiendis *una Candela* et *uno Pek Carbonum annuatim in hieme, ac Litera pro uno Equo, et mea Camera, ac etiam in una Roba de ſecta Garconum* Hoſpitalis prædicti annuatim in eodem Hoſpitali percipiendis ita quod nec Ego prædictus *Willielmus* nec aliquis alius nominè meo de cetero in prædictis *Pane*, *Cerviſia*, *Fœno*, *Avenis*, *Candela*, *Carbonibus*, *Litera*, et *Roba*, aliquod jus vel clameum exigere vel vendicare poterimus, ſet per præſentes imperpetuum ſimus excluſi. In cujus rei teſtimonium præſentibus Sigillum commune appoſui. Et quia Sigillum meum pluribus eſt incognitum, Sigillum Temporalitatis Domini Dunelmenſis Epiſcopi apponi procuravi hiis Teſtibus *Roberto de Boghes* tunc Vicecomite Dunelmenſi, *Willielmo*

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de Kirkeby, Willielmo de Strayton, et *Ricardo de Caſtro Bernardi* Clerico et multis aliis. Datum apud Dunelmum die Mercurii proximo poſt feſtum Sancti *Dioniſii* anno Domini MCCCLII et Pontificatus Domini *Thomæ* Epiſcopi Dunelmenſis octavo.

GRANT *of a* * Corody *in* Greatham Hoſpital *to* Robt. Menyot. 1353.

WILLIELMUS de WESTLE Magiſter Hoſpitalis de Greatham, venit hic in Cancellariam *tertio* die *Martii* anno Pontificatus Domini †*Thomæ* Epiſcopi Dunelmenſis nono, et cognovit ſcriptum ſubſequens eſſe factum ſuum, et factum Fratrum Hoſpitalis prædicti et petiit illud irrotulari, et irrotulatur in hæc verba:

Noverint univerſi quod Nos *Willielmus de Weſtle* Magiſter Hoſpitalis beatæ Mariæ de Gretham, et Fratres ejuſdem Hoſpitalis, dedimus et conceſſimus, et hac præſenti carta noſtra confirmavimus, *Roberto Menyot* de *Wolſingham* unum Corodium annuatim ad totam vitam ipſius *Roberti* in Hoſpitali prædicto, habendum in forma quæ ſubſequitur per prædictum, videlicet, qualibet ſeptimana *ſeptem Panes albos, et ſeptem lagenas de meliore Cerviſia*, et qualibet die tantum in communa quantum daretur uni Capellano qualibet die

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* CORODY, ſignifies a Sum of Money or Allowance of Meat, Drink, and Cloathing due to the King or Biſhop from an Abbey, or other Houſe of Religion, whereof they were Founders, towards the Support of ſuch of their Servants, as they th ught fit to beſtow it upon.

† Thomas Hatfield

in Aula Hoſpitalis prædicti, percipiendo ſibi annuatim ad totam vitam ſuam in Hoſpitali prædicto de Magiſtro ejuſdem Hoſpitalis qui pro tempore fuerit, *pro Roba ſua decem ſolidos*, et ſi idem *Robertus* in Hoſpitali prædicto moram fecerit perſonalem et continuam, volumus et concedimus, quod idem *Robertus* dum moram ſic fecerit, habeat et percipiat annuatim ad totam vitam ſuam *tria Quarteria Carbonum Maritimarum, et tres libras Candelarum pariter:* Et ſi idem *Robertus* in Hoſpitali prædicto moram continuam non fecerit, volumus quod idem *Robertus* tempore abſenciæ ſuæ in Hoſpitali prædicto *Carbones* et *Candelas* prædictas non habeat nec recipiat.

Volumus etiam et concedimus, quod idem *Robertus* habeat ad totam vitam ſuam in Hoſpitali prædicto, *unam Cameram decentem* pro ſtatu ſuo, et ſicut Corodium ſuum expoſcit et requirit.

In cujus rei teſtimonium Sigillum commune prædicti Hoſpitalis præſentibus eſt appenſum. Dat. apud Gretham die Dominica proxima poſt feſtum Sancti Mathiæ Apoſtoli anno Domini MCCCLIII.

PRESENTATION *of* Henry Snayth *to the Maſterſhip of* Greatham *Hoſpital by* King Edward 3*d*. 18*th*. November 1361:

EDWARDUS Dei gratia Rex Angliæ Dominus Hiberniæ et Aquitaniæ, Omnibus ad quos præſentes Literæ pervenerint ſalutem. Sciatis quod dedimus et conceſſimus dilecto Clerico noſtro *Henrico de Snayth* Cuſtodiam Hoſpitalis de Gretham vacantem et

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ad noſtram Donationem ſpectantem ratione Epiſcopatus Dunelmenſis nuper vacantis et in manu noſtra exiſtentis, habendam cum ſuis juribus et pertinentiis quibuſcunque &c. ad totam vitam ſuam &c. In cujus rei teſtimonium has Literas noſtras fieri fecimus Patentes Teſte meipſo apud Weſtmonaſterium *decimo octavo* die *Novembris* anno regni noſtri triceſimo quinto.

Per Breve de Privato Sigillo.

WOLLORE.

MANDATE *from the King to induct* Henry Snayth *into the Maſterſhip of* Greatham *Hoſpital.* 28*th.* November 1361.

EDWARDUS Dei gratia Rex Angliæ &c. Venerabili in Chriſto Patri *Thomæ* eadem gratia Epiſcopo Dunelmenſi ſalutem. Cum dederimus et conceſſerimus dilecto Clerico noſtro *Henrico de Snayth* Cuſtodiam Hoſpitalis de Gretham vacantem et ad noſtram donationem ſpectantem ratione Epiſcopatus Dunelmenſis nuper vacantis et in manu noſtra exiſtentis, habendam cum ſuis juribus et pertinentiis quibuſcunque ad totam vitam ſuam prout in Literis noſtris Patentibus indè confectis plenius continetur:

Vobis mandamus, quod prædictum *Henricum* ad Cuſtodiam Hoſpitalis prædicti admittatis, et ipſum in corporalem poſſeſſionem ejuſdem inducatis ſeu induci faciatis, juxta tenorem Literarum noſtrarum prædictarum. Teſte meipſo apud Weſtmonaſterium *viceſimo octavo* die *Novembris* anno regni noſtri triceſimo quinto.

WRIT *of* EXECUTION *for* PRESENTATION.

WRIT *of* EXECUTION *on Judgment obtained by* K. Edward *the* 3*d. againſt* Biſhop Hatfield *for the Preſentation to* Greatham Hoſpital. 27*th.* January 1361.

EDWARDUS Dei gratia Rex Angliæ &c. Epiſcopo Dunelmenſi ſalutem. Cum Nos nuper in Curia noſtra coram Juſticiariis noſtris apud Weſtmonaſterium termino Sancti Hilarii anno regni noſtri 21 recuperaſſemus Præſentationem noſtram verſus Vos ad Hoſpitale de *Gretham:* Nos executionem ejuſdem Judicii nondum fuimus aſſecuti, per quod poſtmodum per proceſſum coram Juſticiariis noſtris apud Weſtmonaſterium habitum, conſtitutum fuit in eadem Curia noſtra, quod haberemus executionem inde verſus Vos Et ideo vobis mandamus, quod non obſtante reclamatione veſtra ad Præſentationem noſtram ad Hoſpitale prædictum, idoneam perſonam admittatis. Teſte *R. de Thorp* apud Weſtmonaſterium *Viceſimo* die *Januarii* anno Regni noſtri triceſimo ſexto.

WRIT *of* EXECUTION *on ſame Judgment againſt* William Weſtle *then Incumbent of the Hoſpital.* 27*th.* January 1361.

EDWARDUS Dei gratia *(ut ſupra de verbo ad verbum)* quod Nos haberemus executionem inde verſus *Willielmum Weſtle* Clericum Hoſpitali prædicto Incumbentem per defaltum ipſius *Willielmi:* Et ideo Vobis mandamus quod non obſtante reclamatione prædicti *Willielmi* ad Præſentationem noſtram ad Hoſpitale prædictum ydoneam perſonam admittatis. Teſte *R. de Thorp* apud Weſtmonaſterium 27 die *Januarii* anno regni noſtri XXXVI:

GREATHAM HOSPITAL

INSTITUTION *of* Henry Snayth *to the Maſterſhip of* Greatham *Hoſpital by* Biſhop Hatfield. 31*ſt.* January 1361.

THOMAS Dei gratia Epiſcopus Dunelmenſis dilecto noſtro filio Domino *Henrico de Snayth* Capellano ſalutem gratiam et benedictionem. Ad donationem et conceſſionem excellentiſſimi Principis et Domini noſtri Domini *Edwardi* Dei gratia Regis Angliæ ratione Epiſcopatus Dunelmenſis nuper vacantis et in manu ſua exiſtentis, Te de cujus meritis et vitæ ſinceritate in Domino fiduciam optinemus, et quem in hoc caſu Perſonam idoneam reputamus ad regimen et cuſtodiam Hoſpitalis de Gretham noſtræ Dioceſeos vacantis admittimus, et Te Cuſtodem ſive Magiſtrum ejuſdem juxta veram formam et eſſentiam Ordinationis inde factæ præficimus et creamus, ita tamen quod Capellanis Fratribus ac Pauperibus dicti Hoſpitalis vitæ neceſſaria miniſtrari facias, ut teneris, ac omnia alia onera eidem Hoſpitali impoſita et incumbentia debite juxta vires facultatum ejuſdem facias et ſupportes, jure et dignitate noſtris et Eccleſiæ noſtræ Dunolmenſis in omnibus ſemper ſalvis.

In cujus rei teſtimonium Sigillum noſtrum præſentibus eſt appenſum, Datis apud *Oldforth* penultimo die menſis *Januarii* anno Domini MCCCLXI et Conſecrationis noſtræ XVII.

Et prædictis die et loco ſcriptum fuit Archidiacono noſtro Dunolmenſi vel ejuſdem Officiali aut locum tenenti ad inducendum dictum Dominum *Henricum de Snayth* vel Procuratorem ſuum ejus nomine in corporalem poſſeſſionem dicti Hoſpitalis ac regiminis et cuſtodiæ ejuſdem cum ſuis juribus et pertinentiis univerſis vel faciendum induci &c.

COLLATION *of* Thomas Weſton *to the Maſterſhip of this Hoſpital by* Biſhop Skirlaw. 1396.

WALTERUS permiſſione divina Dunelmenſis Epiſcopus dilecto filio noſtro Magiſtro *Thomæ de Weſton* Magiſtro ſeu Cuſtodi Hoſpitalis de Gretham noſtræ Dioceſeos licenciato in Legibus ſalutem gratiam et benedictionem. Provida circumſpectio præſidentis circa reformationem et commoda Hoſpitalium et aliorum piorum locorum ſemper intendens Gubernatores, providos et utiles Adminiſtratores in eis deputat et aſſignat prout merita perſonarum expoſcunt et locis ipſis novit utilius expedire.

Nuper ſi quidem Hoſpitali prædicto Magiſtri ſeu Cuſtodis regimine deſtituto, Nos cuſtodiam ipſius Hoſpitalis tibi commiſimus juxta juris communis exigentiam et formam fundationis ejuſdem prout in noſtris literis plenius continetur. Cum itaque ſicut tam in noſtra Viſitatione ordinaria quam ibi exercemus, quam aliis legitimis documentis ſumus ſufficienter informati, quod non ſolum tuæ perſonæ circumſpecta induſtria ſed etiam cum gravibus et ſumptuoſis expenſis bonorumque tuorum larga effuſione, Tu Hoſpitale ipſum in ſuis Ædificiis et Muris multipliciter collapſum et quodammodo deſolatum magnifice reformaſti; Nos tenentes indubie quod per tuæ circumſpectionis induſtriam et ſinceram affectionem quam ad ipſum Hoſpitale habere dinoſceris, feliciter dirigetur impoſterum, et grata tam ſpiritualibus quam in temporalibus ſuſcipiet incre-

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menta, ac volentes præterea non ſolum tibi gratiam facere, ſed etiam eidem Hoſpitali de utili et fructuoſo providere Rectore, Hoſpitali prædicto ad noſtram diſpoſitionem pleno jure ſpectanti pro toto tempore vitæ tuæ te præficimus, Teque Magiſtrum ſeu Cuſtodem perpetuum in eodem deputamus et inſtituimus per præſentes; regimen et adminiſtrationem ejuſdem in ſpiritualibus et temporalibus quamdiu vives tibi plenarie committendo, Ordinationem ipſius Hoſpitalis quoad tuam perſonam et pro tempore tuo duntaxat corrigentes et modificantes, juxta poteſtatem per bonæ memoriæ Dominum *Robertum* Prædeceſſorem noſtrum dicti Hoſpitalis Fundatorem in ipſius ordinatione nobis et aliis ſucceſſoribus reſervatam. Nolumus tamen quod per hanc noſtram diſpoſitionem, præfectionem, ſeu inſtitutionem, quam meritorum tuorum intuitu, et ipſius Hoſpitalis utilitate penſata, in perſona tua jam deliberatè facimus Hoſpitale prædictum erigatur ſeu cenſeatur beneficium Eccleſiaſticum, ſeu in aliis ejus natura vel fundatio immutetur; ſed te cedente vel decedente ſeu alias illud quomodolibet dimittente, Hoſpitale ipſum in natura et forma juris communis remaneat, et prout in ſua fundatione eſt antiquitus ordinatum. In quorum omnium teſtimonium et fidem præſentes literas noſtras ſeu præſens publicatum Inſtrumentum per Dominum *Robertum Blundell* Capellanum *Ciceſtrenſem* publicum auctoritate Apoſtolica Notarium infra ſcriptum, noſtrumque in hac parte ſcribam fieri ſubſcribi et publicari mandavimus, noſtrique Sigilli fecimus appenſione muniri. Datum et actum apud Manerium noſtrum de *Wheelhalle* Eboracenſis Dioceſeos

ſeos, anno Domini 1396, Indictione quarta, Pontificatus ſanctiſſimi in Chriſto Patris et Domini noſtri Domini *Boniſacii* divina Providentia Papæ Romani anno ſeptimo, menſis *Junii* die *decimo ſeptimo*, præſentibus Venerabili Viro Magiſtro *Ricardo Holm* Canonico Eboracenſi, et diſcreto Viro *Willielmo de Wyke* Prebendario ſeu Portionario in Eccleſia Parochiali de Norton, et *Johanne Stretch* Domicello literato Eboracenſis et Wigornienſis Dioceſeos Teſtibus ad præmiſſa vocatis ſpecialiter et rogatis. — Confirmata eſt hæc Collatio per Priorem et Capitulum Dunelmenſe *octavo* die *Januarii* anno Domini 1396.

WARRANT *to excuſe* William Middleton *Maſter of* Greatham *Hoſpital for not appearing at the Aſſizes.* 14*th.* February 1346.

THOMAS Dei gratia Epiſcopus Dunelmenſis, Juſticiariis ſuis ad Aſſiſas et Placita in Comitatu *Sadbergiæ* capienda et tenenda a[ſ]ſignatis ſalutem. Sciatis quod *Willielmus de Middleton* Magiſter Hoſpitalis de Gretham fuit in ſervicio noſtro per præceptum noſtrum die Mercurii proximo poſt feſtum Epiphaniæ Domini proximè præterito, ita quod eo die intereſſe non potuit loquelæ quæ eſt coram vobis per breve noſtrum inter *Johannem de Berewyk* Executorem Teſtamenti *Eliæ de Berewyk* et præfatum *Willielmum* de eo quod idem *Willielmus* reddat præfato *Johanni* quadraginta et ſex libras. Et ideo vobis mandamus quod prædictum *Willielmum* propter abſenciam

ſenciam ſuam ad diem illum non ponatur in defaltam, nec in aliquo ſit perdens, quia diem illum quo ad hoc ei warantizamus,

Datum Dunelmi XIV die *Februarii* anno Domini 1346.

Per ipſum Dominum Epiſcopum.

COLLATION *of* Robert Tatman *to the Maſterſhip of this Hoſpital with Diſpenſation of Reſidence by* Biſhop Neville. 22*d.* March 1439.

ROBERTUS Dei gratia Epiſcopus Dunelmenſis, Religioſo Viro Magiſtro *Roberto Tatman* Ordinis Prædicatorum Sacræ Theologiæ Profeſſori ac Familiari noſtro ſufficienter licenciato ſalutem gratiam et benedictionem. &c. &c. *(deſunt nonnulla)*

Nolumus tamen quod ratione Literarum noſtrarum donationis dictum Hoſpitale Beneficium Eccleſiaſticum quomodo libet cenſeatur, ſed pro officio tantum habeatur, juxta naturam et formam ſuæ primariæ Inſtitutionis, ſecundum quod per bonæ memoriæ Dominum *Walterum* Prædeceſſorem noſtrum et Capitulum Eccleſiæ noſtræ Dunolmenſis ex certa ſententia extitit ordinatum et confirmatum, prout in Regiſtro dictorum Domini *Walteri* et Capituli manifeſtius invenitur. Datum apud *Winton viceſimo ſecundo* die *Martii* anno Domini 1439.

Confirmata eſt hæc Collatio per Priorem et Capitulum anno 1440.

EXEMPLIFICATION *of* GRANTS.

EXEMPLIFICATION *of* GRANTS *relating this Hoſpital.*

ROBERTUS Dei gratia Epiſcopus Dunelmenſis, Omnibus ad quos præſentes Literæ pervenerint ſalutem; Inſpeximus Literas Patentes Venerabilis Patris *Roberti* nuper Dunelmenſis Epiſcopi Prædeceſſoris noſtri factas in hæc verba:

ROBERTUS Dei gratia Epiſcopus Dunelmenſis, Omnibus ſanctæ Matris Eccleſiæ filiis ad quos præſens ſcriptum pervenerit &c. (*vide Fundationem p.*) Nos autem *Hugo* Prior Dunelmenſis &c. (*vide Confirmationem p.*)

INSPEXIMUS etiam Literas Patentes Venerabilis Patris *Antonii* dudum ſimiliter Dunelmenſis Epiſcopi Prædeceſſoris noſtri factas in hæc verba:

ANTHONIUS permiſſione divina Dunelmenſis Epiſcopus Juſticiariis, Vicecomitibus, Præpoſitis, et omnibus Ballivis et Fidelibus ſuis ſalutem. Sciatis Nos conceſſiſſe et hac præſenti Carta noſtra confirmaſſe dilecto Clerico noſtro Domino *Thomæ de Leveſham* Magiſtro Hoſpitalis de Gretham, quod ipſe et ſucceſſores ſui Magiſtri dicti Hoſpitalis imperpetuum habeant *liberam Warennam* in omnibus Dominicis Terris Manerii de Gretham prædicta, dum tamen terræ illæ non ſint infra metas Foreſtæ noſtræ, ita quod nullus intret terras illas ad fugandum vel ad aliquid capiendum in eis quod ad Warennam pertineat, ſine licentia et voluntate ipſius Domini *Thomæ* vel ſucceſſorum ſuorum ſuper forisfacturam noſtram decem librarum:

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Quare volumus et firmiter præcipimus pro nobis et ſucceſſoribus noſtris, quod prædictus Dominus *Thomas* et ſucceſſores ſui Magiſtri Hoſpitalis prædicti imperpetuum habeant liberam Warennam in omnibus Dominicis ſuis Terris prædictis, dum tamen terræ illæ &c. *(ut ſupra)* ſine licentia ipſius Domini *Thomæ* vel ſucceſſorum ſuorum ſuper forisfacturam noſtram decem librarum ut prædictum eſt. Hiis Teſtibus Venerabili Patre fratre *Hugone Biblienſi* Epiſcopo, Dominis *Briano* filio *Alani*, *Radulpho* filio *Willielmi*, *Philippo de Arcy*, Militibus, Dominis *Willielmo de Inſula*, *Petro de Thoresby*, *Roberto de Leveſham* Clericis, *Henrico de Inſula*, *Rogero de Eſhe*, *Johannem de Flech* et multis aliis, datum apud *Alverton viceſimo ſecundo* die menſis *Novembris* anno Domini 1301, et Conſecrationis noſtræ decimo octavo.

Nos autem ob internas affectionem et dilectionem quas erga prædilectum Conſanguineum noſtrum *Willielmum Leſcrop* Clericum nunc Magiſtrum Hoſpitalis ſæpe dicti gerimus et habemus, Literas prædictas ac omnia et ſingula in eiſdem contenta, rata habentes et grata ea pro nobis et ſucceſſoribus noſtris quantum in nobis eſt acceptamus, approbamus, ratificamus, et tenore præſentium exemplificamus et confirmamus prout Literæ prædictæ plenius teſtantur. In cujus rei teſtimonium has Literas noſtras Patentes fieri fecimus. Datum *ultimo* die *Martii* anno Pontificatus noſtri quarto decimo.

Per ipſum Epiſcopum.

COLLATION *of* Edward Strangewiſh *to the Maſterſhip of this Hoſpital by* Biſhop Fox. 26*th*. Auguſt 1500.

RICHARDUS Dei gratia Epiſcopus Dunelmenſis dilecto nobis in Chriſto Magiſtro *Edwardo Strangewiſh* Decretorum Doctori ſalutem gratiam et benedictionem. Cuſtodiam Regimen et Adminiſtrationem Domus ſive Hoſpitalis de *Gretham* noſtrarum Collationis et Dioceſeos per mortem Magiſtri *Willielmi Eſtfeld* ultimi Magiſtri ſive Cuſtodis ejuſdem vacantis, tibi de cujus ſcientia et circumſpectionis induſtria plurimum in Domino confidimus tenore præſentium committimus, teque de continuò et perſonaliter reſidendo et miniſtrando in eodem, nobiſque et noſtris ſucceſſoribus ſingulis annis cum ad hoc evocatus fueris, compotum, calculum, et ratiocinium adminiſtrationis tuæ in eodem reddendo juxta vim formam et effectum ordinationem ejuſdem, et *Clementinam quia contingit*, ad ſancta Dei Evangelia juratum Magiſtrum ſive Cuſtodem ejuſdem pro termino vitæ tuæ præficimus et deputamus per præſentes. In cujus rei teſtimonium &c. Datum *viceſimo ſexto* die Menſis *Auguſti* anno Domini 1500 et noſtræ Tranſlationis anno ſexto.

GREATHAM HOSPITAL.

The CITATION *of* Biſhop Tunſtall *for Viſiting the Hoſpital.* 8*th.* September 1532.

CUTHBERTUS Dei gratia Epiſcopus Dunelmenſis, dilecto nobis Magiſtro *Umfrido Gaſcoign* Cuſtodi Domus ſive Hoſpitalis noſtri de *Gretham* noſtræ Dunelmenſis Dioceſeos ſalutem gratiam et benedictionem. Inter cæteras ſolicitudines humeris noſtris ex debito regiminis incumbentes, non minima eſt intentio atque cura ut piorum (præſertim locorum) diſpendia nequaquam abſque remedio debito reformationis relinquamus; Cum igitur fama publica referente nobis inſinuatum ſit, quod bona prædictæ Domus multipliciter hactenus temere conſumpta ſunt in ſubverſionem ſtatus ejuſdem, ac in cultus divini diminutionem et ſuſtentationis Pauperum aliorumq; caritatis operum, quæ ibidem vigere ſolebant, ſubſtractionem, ſuper quorum veritate volentes plenius informari, ac viſitationis officium tam in perſonis quam in rebus domus ipſius prout convenit excercere: Vos tenore præſentium peremptoriè citamus, ac Fratres Capellanos ac alios quoſcunque ejuſdem Domus Miniſtros per quos præmiſſorum veritas erui melius poterit atque ſciri, per vos citari volumus et mandamus, quod compareatis et compareant perſonaliter coram nobis vel Commiſſionariis noſtris in Capella Domus prædictæ die Veneris *viz.* viceſimo ſeptimo die menſis Septembris proximo futuro poſt datam præſentium, cum continuatione et prorogatione dierum ſubſequentium viſitationem noſtram hujuſmodi actualem ſuſcepturi et ſubituri ac fundationem

nem ſeu ordinationem Domus prædictæ, una cum Inventario et Compoto, calculo ſive raciocinio ejuſdem ſecundum ſanctiones Canonicas exhibituri, ulteriuſque recepturi et facturi in præmiſſis et ea tangentibus, quod juris fuerit et conſonum racioni, et ut liberius ac devotius Capellani et Fratres Domus ejuſdem obſequiis valeant vacare divinis eoſdem omnes et ſingulos ab officiis et adminiſtrationibus rerum temporalium prædictæ Domus per vos interim decrevimus et præcepimus amovendos, de die vero receptionis præſentium, et quid in præmiſſis feceritis nos dictis die et loco diſtinctè et apertè certificare curetis per literas veſtras Patentes harum ſeriem in ſe continentes, ac ſigillo auctentico ſigillatas. Datum ſub noſtro Sigillo apud Manerium noſtrum de *Stockton*, *octavo* die menſis *Septembris* anno Domini 1532 et noſtræ Tranſlationis anno tertio.

GRANT *of an Annual Penſion of* 50*£*. *by* Biſhop Tunſtall *to* Thomas Sparke *Suffragan Biſhop of Berwick, until provided for with ſome Eccleſiaſtical Benefice to the Value of* 50*£*. *a Year.*

1*ſt*. July 1537.

OMNIBUS ad quos præſens ſcriptum pervenerit; *Cuthbertus* permiſſione divina Dunelmenſis Epiſcopus, ad infra ſcripta auctoritate ſupremâ regiâ ſufficienter ſuffultus ſalutem. Cum Nos dilectum nobis in Chriſto Reverendum Fratrem noſtrum *Thomam* permiſſione divina *Berwicenſem Epiſcopum Suffraganeum* noſtrum in Dioceſi

Dioceſi noſtra Dunelmenſi conſtituerimus, et eum ſecundum Evangelium dignus ſit Operarius mercede ſua: Nos qui eundem Reverendum Fratrem noſtrum in partem ſollicitudinis noſtræ Paſtoralis aſſumpſimus, ei de competenti ſuæ dignitati victu providere volentes, eidem Penſionem annuam *quinquaginta librarum* ſterlingorum de et ex Manerio noſtro de *Auckland* exeuntem ad duos anni terminos, videlicet, natalis Domini et Sancti Johannis Baptiſtæ per æquales portiones per manus generalis Receptoris noſtri in Scaccario noſtro Dunelmi ſolvendam, quamdiu officium Suffraganei in noſtra Dunelmenſi Dioceſi ibidem diligenter habitat executus fuerit: Concedimus et damus per præſentes donec et quouſque Nos aut ſucceſſores noſtri ei de Eccleſiaſticis Beneficiis ad valorem *quinquaginta librarum* de Patronatu noſtro vel aliorum ei fuerit proviſum: Et ſi contingat dictam annuam Penſionem per menſem alterutrorum terminorum prædictorum proximè ſequentium a retro fore non ſolutam, extunc, liceat præfato Suffraganeo noſtro in prædictum Manerium noſtrum de *Auckland* intrare et diſtringere, diſtrictioneſque ſic captas, aſportare et apud ſe retinere, donec et quouſque de omnibus Arreragiis Penſionis ſuæ prædictæ ei fuerit plenè ſatisfactum; — Proviſo quod quandocunque per Nos aut ſucceſſores noſtros Dunelmenſes Epiſcopos de Beneficiis Eccleſiaſticis de Patronatu noſtro vel aliorum, ad valorem *viginti librarum* ei proviſum fuerit, extunc, tertia pars dictæ Penſionis *quinquaginta librarum* ceſſet quandocunque ei de Beneficiis Eccleſiaſticis de Patronatu noſ-

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tro vel uſque ad valorem *quadraginta librarum* per Nos aut ſucceſſores noſtros ei fuerit proviſum, ex tunc duæ partes dictæ Penſionis ceſſent: Et quandocunque de Beneficiis uſque ad valorem *quinquaginta librarum* ei fuerit ut ſupra proviſum, extunc tota prædicta Penſio ceſſet et ſit irrita præſenti Conceſſione in aliquo non obſtante. In cujus rei teſtimonium Sigillum noſtrum præſentibus apponi fecimus. Datum Dunelmi *primo* die *Julii* anno Domini 1537 et Tranſlationis noſtræ anno octavo.

COLLATION *of* Thomas Sparke *to the Maſterſhip of this Hoſpital by* Biſhop Tunſtall. 6*th*. September 1541.

CUTHBERTUS permiſſione divina Epiſcopus Dunelmenſis &c. dilecto Confratri noſtro *Thomæ* eadem permiſſione Sedis *Berwicenſis* Epiſcopo ſalutem et fraternam in Domino Caritatem. Hoſpitale de *Greatham* noſtrorum Patronatus et Dioceſeos per mortem naturalem Magiſtri *Umfridi Gaſcoign* Clerici ultimi Magiſtri ſive Cuſtodis ejuſdem jam vacans, et ad noſtram Collationem pleno jure ſpectans; Tibi intuitu Caritatis conferimus, Teque Magiſtrum ſive Cuſtodem ejuſdem Hoſpitalis primitus de obſervando Fundationem Ordinationem Statuta et laudabiles Conſuetudines ejuſdem, ad ſancta Dei Evangelia juratum canonicè inſtituimus et inveſtimus in eodem cum ſuis juribus et pertinentiis univerſis, decernentes te &c. In cujus rei teſtimonium Sigillum noſtrum præſentibus appoſuimus, Datum apud Manerium noſtrum de *Hovedon*, *ſexto* die *Septembris* anno Domini 1541 et noſtræ Tranſlationis anno XII.

GREATHAM HOSPITAL

The WILL *of* Thomas Sparke *Maſter of this Hoſpital.* 25*th.* January 1563.

IN Dei nomine Amen, xxv*th.* daye of January in the yeare of our Lord God 1563. I *Thomas Sparke* Suffragayn and Maſter of the Oſpitall of Gretham, craſed and ſeke in Bodie, yett God be praſed of good and perfytt Remembrance, perceaving that Deathe is to every lyving Creature certaine, and the tyme and houre thereof moſt uncertaine, mynding by Godes grace not to departe Inteſtate, but to declare my Mynde and Will, and therefor do ordaine and maike this my Teſtament conteyning my laſt Will.

FIRSTE, I do committ my Sowle into the hands of God Almightie my Lorde and Creature, truſting ſurelie in the merits and Paſſion of his Sone Jeſus Chriſte my Redeamer, and throughe hym to have the fruition of his Deite, which he onlye hath purchaſed of God his Father for me aud all Mankynde; and my ſinfull and corruptible Bodie to be buried in the Cathedrall Church of Dureſme upon the Pavemente byfore where my laite Alter did ſtande, with ſuch Divine Service as now is uſed, with a Sermon to be made and preached the daye of my Buriall, and he that doth the ſame tohave for his Paunes an old Angell. — Item, I give to *Mr. Deane* of the ſame Church one olde Ryall, and to every Prebendarie of the ſame one old Angell, and to every Viccar or petye Cannon v*s.* a peace in Sylver. — Item, I gyve to every Singingman of the ſame iij*s.* iiij*d* a pece. — Item, to the two Scolemaiſters, the Goſpeler and Epiſtoler

ler of the ſaid Churche to every of them v*s*. — Item, to every Choreſter, Skoller, Verger, and Bellringer of the ſame xij*d*. a pece. — Item, I bequeathe to every Preſte of Gretham v*s*. a pece. ——— Item, I will my Executor ſhall in the daye of my Buriall, or in the Tyme that it ſhall pleaſe God ſo to call upon me, in the Tyme I lye in Paſſions, amongeſt the Poore and Neadie as well Houſeholders as others the Sum of v£. in other Pariſhes beſides *Saynt Margaret*. — Item, I gyve unto the Oſpitall of Gretham, there to remayne for Implements, two truſſing Beddes with there Teſtrens and Hangings, a Cupborde Bedde, a carved Cupborde, a Counter, and all the Hangings in both the newe Chambers, which I cauſed to maike. And alſo I will, that the Staite and Stocke of that now myne Hoſpitall ſhall be maid good in all things, the Ornaments of the Chappell, (except, what were taken awaye by the Kings Commiſſioners) as it was at myne entre thereunto; all which things, *Mr. Tempeſt* my Fermer thereof ſtandinge bounde to diſcharge as by a Bill indented betwixt him and me maye appeare. — Item, I bequithe to every Brother and Bedeman of the ſame Hoſpitall xij*d*. Alſo I bequithe to every one of my Serving-men one holle yeres Wages to be accompted from the Quarter daye next before my Death unto the ſame daye twelvemonth and a Leverye of vi*s*. viij*d*. the yearde: And to every one of the Worke Servants Men and Women xij*d*. apece, and to every Boye about the Houſe iiij*d*. apece Alſo I gyve unto my *Lord Biſhop of Dureſme* a golde Ringe with a Turkas in that, and to my good Lorde *Henrye Erll of Weſtmerland*

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golde Ringe with an Emerawde in that, truſtinge there Lordſhips will be good Lordes unto my Executor for the performance of this my Will, and alſo to my Servants and poore Kynsfolks. — Item. I gyve to *John Wynter* of *Cambrige* Saynct Auguſtines Works with the holl courſe of Lyre, and all my other Books of Divinitie and Arte, and vi*£*. xiij*s*. iiij*d*. towards his Exhibition, till God provide better for him. — Item, I gyve to Sir *William Watſon* a Frenche Crowne. — Item, I gyve to *Robert Sparke* Sonne of layt *Nicholas Sparke* xl*s*. in Money to be kept to buy him Cloths as he ſhall have neade. — Item, I gyve to *John Sparke* of Newcaſtell two Sylver peces with a B in the Bothom, and to *Thomas Sparke* of the ſame Towne one pece of Sylver of the ſame mark of B. — Item, I gyve to every other of my Brethrens Children xx*s*. a pece, and to every one of there Childrens Children xij*d*. a pece. — Item, I bequithe to the Amendment of the Highe Wayes betwixt *Shereborne Houſe* and *Claputh Yeat* fower Pound. — Item, I bequithe to the Poor in *Allendall* Pariſh v*£*. — Item, I bequithe to the Poor in *Saynt Margarets* Pariſhe in *Dnreſme* v*£*. — Item, I gyve to the Poore of the holl Pariſh of *Hollie Eland* v*£*. — Item, I gyve and bequithe to the Pooer of *Gretham* fower Marks. — Item, to the Poore of *Billingham* Pariſhe xx*s*. — Item, to the Poore of *Stranton* Pariſhe xiij*s*. iiij*d*. — Item, to the Poore of *Hart* Pariſhe x*s*. — Item, to the Poore of *Hartlepolle* vj*s*. viij*d*. to the Poore of *Elwicke* v*s*. — Item, I bequithe to the Poore of *Wolſingham* Pariſhe iij*£*. vi*s*. viij*d*. Item, I gyve to every one of my Godchildren iij*s*. iiij*d*. a pece. ———.

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The WILL *of* Thomas Sparke.

Alſo I gyve unto my Chaplaine Sir *George Wynter* a Sylver Coppe with a Cover duble gylt, which I hadd of *Dr. Swalwell*, and hym I maike ſole Executor of this my laſt Will and Teſtament to ſe that perfourmed: And I make my truſtie Frynds *Dr. Bennett* and *Chriſtopher Chaytor* Superviſors of this my laſte Will and Teſtament; and I will that they two ſhall ſe my Debts and Legacies well and trewlie paid, with others my Funeralls; and if any thinge of my Goods remayne over, then they and my Executour to diſtribute the ſame Goods unto the Poore and in other Deads of Charitie, as they ſhall thinke to the glorie of God, and healthe of my Soule; and I gyve to my ſaid two Superviſors to either of them a Sylver Bowle, to a token of Remembrance of my good Will toward them. — Theſe Wyttneſs, *Doctor Todd*, *William Watſon* Clerke, *John Baxter*, *Robert Fallowfeilde*, *George Wynter* Executour, and *Chriſtopher Chaytor* one of the Superviſors.

Thomas Sparke *was a Benedictine Monk of Durham, ſpent ſome time in Study in Durham College Oxford, where he took the Degree of Batchelor of Divinity in* 1528. — *In* 1536 *was nominated and made* Suffragan *to the Biſhop of Durham under the Title of the Suffragan See of Berwick. — Prebendary of the third Stall at Durham on the Foundation* 12 *May* 1541. — *Died* 1572 *and was buried in the Choir of this Hoſpital.*

GREATHAM HOSPITAL

The Dean *and* Chapter's CONFIRMATION *of* Biſhop Tunſtall's GRANT *of the next* Preſentation *to the Maſterſhip of this Hoſpital to* Robert Thompſon *in Truſt for* John Bellerbie.

23*d.* May 1559.

UNIVERSIS Chriſti fidelibus præſentes literas inſpecturis, *Thomas* Decanus Eccleſiæ Cathedralis Chriſti et beatæ Mariæ Virginis Dunelmenſis et ejuſdem Eccleſiæ Capitulum ſalutem in omnium Salvatore. Noverit univerſitas veſtra, Nos literas Reverendi in Chriſto Patris Domini Domini *Cuthberti* permiſſione divina Dunelmenſis Epiſcopi ſubeo qui ſequitur verborum tenore inſpexiſſe.

Omnibus Chriſti fidelibus ad quos præſens ſcriptum pervenerit, *Cuthbertus* permiſſione divina Dunelmenſis Epiſcopus, ac verus et indubitatus Patronus Hoſpitalis de Greatham noſtræ Dunelmenſis Dioceſeos ſalutem in Domino ſempiternam. Noveritis Nos præfatum *Cuthbertum*, dediſſe conceſſiſſe et hoc præſenti ſcripto noſtro confirmaſſe dilecto nobis in Chriſto *Roberto Thompſon* de *Holmeſyde* in Comitatu Dunelmenſi Armigero Executoribus et Aſſignatis ſuis primam et proximam Advocationem &c. et Jus Patronatus dicti Hoſpitalis de Greatham, pro unicâ et proximâ vicè tantum, quandocunque illud per mortem reſignationem privationem ſeu alio quocunque modo vacare contigerit, ad uſum Domini *Johannis Bellerbie* Clericum tantum &c. ſic quod ipſum tantum et non alium Clericum præſentet: Ita quod benè licebit præfato *Roberto* Executoribus et Aſſignatis ſuis pro illa proximâ et primâ vicè tantum

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qua vacaverit ad prædictum Hoſpitale præfatum *Johannem Bellerbie* tantum et non alium Ordinario illius loci præſentare cum effectu &c. Proviſo ſemper quod ſi contingat præfatum *Johannem Bellerbie* ab hac vitâ decedere, prius quam vacatio proximâ dicti Hoſpitalis contigerit, extunc præſens Conceſſio &c. quoad ad aliquam aliam ulteriorem Præſentationem de aliquo alio ad dictum Hoſpitale per præfatum *Robertum* &c. irrita ſit et nullius roboris vel momenti. In cujus rei teſtimonium &c. Dat. apud Aucklande *ſexto* die *Maii* anno Domini 1559 et noſtræ Tranſlationis anno triceſimo.

Nos igitur præfati Decanus et Capitulum omnia et ſingula ſupradicta prout ſuperius continentur et recitantur ratâ habentes et gratâ ea quantum in nobis eſt pro nobis et ſucceſſoribus noſtris ratificamus &c. Juribus tamen Epiſcopalibus &c. ſalvis. In cujus rei teſtimonium Sgillum noſtrum Capitulare præſentibus eſt appenſum. Dat. in Domo noſtrâ Capitulari *viceſimo tertio* die *Maii* anno Domini 1559.

GREATHAM HOSPITAL

COLLATION *of* John Kyngiſmeyll *to the Maſterſhip of this Hoſpital by* Biſhop Pilkington. 1*ſt*. March 1571.

JACOBUS Dei gratia Epiſcopus Dunelmenſis &c. dilecto nobis in Chriſto *Johanni Kyngiſmeyll* A. M. ſalutem gratiam et benedictionem. Hoſpitale dè Greatham noſtrorum Patronatus et Dioceſeos per mortem naturalem Reverendi Patris nuper Con-fratris noſtri *Thomæ Sparke* Berwicenſis Epiſcopi ultimi Magiſtri ſive Cuſtodis ejuſdem jam vacans, et ad noſtram Collationem pleno jure ſpectans: Tibi intuitu caritatis conferimus, Teque Magiſtrum ſive Cuſtodem ejuſdem primitus de legitima obedientia nobis et ſucceſſoribus noſtris præſtanda, atque de renuntiatione Juriſdictionis et Auctoritatis Romani Pontificis, et cujuſcunque alterius forinſecæ Juriſdictionis et Auctoritatis, necnon de obſervando Fundationem Ordinationem Statuta et laudabiles Conſtitutiones et Conſuetudines ipſius Hoſpitalis ad ſancta Dei Evangelia juratum inſtituimus et inveſtimus in eodem, cum ſuis juribus et pertinentiis univerſis. In cujus rei Teſtimonium &c. Datum in Manerio noſtro de Auckland *primo* die *Martii* anno Domini 1571 et noſtræ Conſecrationis anno duodecimo.

INTERROGATORIES *concerning the* Vicarage.

INTERROGATORIES *miniſtred to the Jury to be enquired of in a Jury Patronate concerninge the* Vicarage *of* Gretham *in the Dioceſe of Durham.* 28*th.* July 1580.

INPRIMIS. Whether the Vicarage of Gretham aforeſaid be now vacant, and howe longe it hath ſo beene, and who was the laſt Incumbent in and upon the ſame, and by what means the ſame became vacant?

2. *Item*, Who preſented the laſt Incumbent to the ſaid Vicarage?

3. *Item* Who is the original Patron or Patrons of the ſaid Vicarage?

4. *Item*, Who hath right to preſent unto the ſaid Vicarage for this preſent vacation, and whether any that nowe preſenteth to the ſame hath right ſo to preſent, and what is the name of him or them that nowe hath right to preſent for this vacation, and by what right title or intereſt he or they doe or may ſo preſent?

5. *Item*, Whether the Perſons preſented to the ſaid Vicarage be Prieſts and within Orders, and to be meete and able for to take upon them the cure and charge thereof, or no, expreſſing the names of him or them that be meete or able, and who are not ſo meete or able?

6. *Item*, Whether any of the Perſons now preſented hath any other Benefice haveinge cure or charge of Soules?

7. *Item*, Whether there be any Canonical Impediment againſt any of the Perſons now preſented or their Preſentors, why they may not

not be admitted to the ſaid Vicarage, and what Impediment the ſame is, and the names of him or them againſt whom the ſame is?

8. *Item*, Whether the ſaid Vicarage be Penconary or Porconary, that is, whether it pay yearely any Pencon out of it, and to whom it payeth or ought to pay the ſame?

9. *Item*, Whether the ſaid Vicarage have cure of Soules belonginge to the ſame?

THE VEREDICT *of the Jurors ſworne ſuper* Jure Patronatus *concerninge the Vicarage of Gretham in the Dioceſſe of Durham, beinge found upon the proofe and evidence before them exhibited producted and in forme of lawe ſworne, as the nature of that their Inquiſition made and taken, and proofe required the* 28*th. day of* July 1580.

FIRST, Wee the Jurors undernamed finde the Vicarage of Gretham (upon good evidence) nowe vacante, and that it ſo hath ever beene ſince the death of *George Winter* the laſt Incumbent, who died the 20*th.* day of November laſt paſt, beinge in anno Domini 1579.

2. *Item.* We finde upon good evidence and proofe of Witneſſes that *Thomas Sparke* late Biſhop of *Berwick* Maiſter of Gretham and the Brethren of the ſame, preſented *George Winter* Clarke to the Vicarage of Gretham, beinge nowe deceaſed, who died the day aboveſaid.

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3. *Item*, Wee finde the Maiſter of Gretham for the time beinge and the Brethren of the ſame to be the original Patrons of that Vicarage of Gretham.

4. *Item*, Wee finde that *Thomas Rievely* for this preſent vacation by vertue of an Advowſon (before Us exhibited) to him and to one *Thomas Sparke* deceaſed made and granted, by one *Thomas Sparke* Biſhopp of *Berwicke* and then Maiſter of the ſaid Hoſpitall of Gretham with the conſent of the Brethren, hath the right to preſent beinge Survivour.

5. *Item*, Wee finde that *Robert Sparke* now preſented by *Thomas Rievely* is a Prieſt and within Orders, and able to take upon him the cure of Soules and charge thereof; yett touching his ability or inability, or the ability or inability of others, we referre that to the Ordinary to whom the Law committeth the election or admiſſion of ſuch Perſons to charges and cures of Soules.

6. *Item*, Wee find that the ſaid *Robert* is one of the Chaplains of the houſe of Gretham, not otherwiſe haveinge any Benefice or cure or charge of Soules.

7. *Item*, Wee finde no Canonical Impediment againſt the ſaid *Robert* preſented, or againſt the ſaid *Thomas Rievely* that preſented him, nor do Wee finde any cauſe but that he may and ſhould be admitted unto the ſaid Vicarage.

8. *Item*, Wee finde the Vicarage to be free without payeing any Pencon or Porcon to any Perſon or Perſons.

9. *Item*, Wee finde that the Vicarage of Gretham hath cure of Soules belonginge to it.

ALL the Premiſſes Wee finde true, and to the affirmeinge of the ſame our Veredict found and given by our Oaths, Wee hereunto have ſubſcribed our Names or ſet our Markes the day and yeare aboveſaid.

Richard Marſhall *William Thorpe*
Robert Richardſon *Robert Emerſon*
Robert Murrey *Marmaduke Chapman*
Robert Blaixton *Robert Broomely*
Robert Prentize *Robert Richardſon*
Michael Patteſon *Robert Warke*
William Smith Clerici Jurati.

GREATHAM HOSPITAL.

LETTERS Mandatory and Decree to Inſtitute and Induct JOHN BERNES *to the Maſterſhip of* GREATHAM HOSPITAL *(being vacant by lapſe of time) on the Preſentation of Queen Elizabeth.*

3. November 1585. —— *Regr. Barnes p.* 20.

DIE Mercurii videlicet tertio die Menſis Novembris A. D. 1585, inter horas nonam et undecimam ante Meridiem ejuſdem diei coram reverendo in Chriſto Patre et Domino Domino * RICARDO divina Providentia Dunelmenſi Epiſcopo in præſentia mei Thomæ Kinge Notarii Publici Actuarii et Regiſtarii dicti reverendi Patris comparuit Perſonaliter diſcretus Vir Magiſter Thomas Wheaton Clericus Vicarius Eccleſiæ Parochialis de Conſcliffe et exhibuit Procuratorium ſuum in ſcriptis pro Magiſtro † *Johanne Bernes* Clerico et fecit ſe partem pro eodem et extunc

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et Virtute dictæ Preſentationis de Perſona dicti Magiſtri Johannis Bernes ad dictam Domum ſive Hoſpitale beatæ Mariæ Virginis de Greatham per dictam Dominam noſtram Elizabetham Reginam facte humiliter petiit eundem Magiſtrum Johannem Bernes in Perſona ſua ad idem Hoſpitale admitti, inſtituti, inveſtiri, et induci fieri, unde idem reverendus Pater eundem Magiſtrum Johannem Bernes in Perſona dicti Procuratoris ſui ad præfatam Domum ſive Hoſpitale intuitu Charitatis admiſit, et ipſum Magiſtrum ſive Cuſtodem ejuſdem Domus ſive Hoſpitalis beatæ Mariæ Virginis de Greatham prædicto præſtito primitus per dictum Procuratorem ſuum nomine ſuo et in animam ſuam juramento de agnoſcendo ſupremam regiam Poteſtatem atque de renunciandis omnibus et omnimodis poteſtatibus forenſicis juxta Statuta &c. deque Obedientia ſua debita et canonica eidem reverendo Patri et Succeſſoribus ſuis &c. præſtanda, atque de obſervando Fundationem Ordinationem Statuta Privilegia &c. ejuſdem Domus ſive Hoſpitalis &c. tactis &c. articulis ſydonalibus per dictum Procuratorem nomine dicti Johannis Bernes primitus ſubſcriptis aſſenſuque et conſenſu ſuis

* RICHARD BERNES Biſhop of Carliſle, was tranſlated to Durham in 1577 and prefided in this Dioceſe eleven Years; he died 24 Auguſt 1587. —— See a particular Note of Lands of the Biſhoprick of Durham, demiſed by him to Queen Elizabeth, —— Strype's Annals 2. Vol. Appendix p. 65 Num. 34.

† JOHN BERNES above named was Brother to the Biſhop.

ſuis eiſdem adhibitis rite et canonice inſtituit et inveſtivit in et de eodem Hoſpitali cum ſuis Juribus et Membris et Pertinentiis univerſis Curamque Animarum Fratrum et Membrorum ibidem et Adminiſtrationem bonorum &c. dictæ Domus &c. in Domino committentes &c. at decrevit Literas mandatorias pro Inductione ſua in eodem Archidiacon. Dunelmenſi omnibus et ſingulis Clericis et Literatis infra Dioceſin Dunelmenſem præſentibus tunc et ibidem Domino Willielmo Hilton Milite &c. Roberto Tailboies, Willielmo Bernes generoſo, RogeroWalker, Johanne Liſle, et Teſtibus aliis &c.

INSTITUTION of JOHN BERNES *to the Maſterſhip of* GREATHAM HOSPITAL *on the Preſentation of Queen Elizabeth.*

6. November 1585. —— *Regr. Barnes* p. 20.

DIE Sabbati videlicet ſexto Die Menſis Novembris Anno Domini 1585 in le Gallerie infra Manerium de Awkland Epiſcopi infra Villam de Awkland inter horas octavam et decimam ante meridiem &c. (ut ſupra) comparuit perſonaliter Magiſter Johannes Bernes Clericus ſinceri Verbi Dei Miniſter Prædicator et exhibuit eidem reverendo Patri Literas quaſdam Præſentationis Dominæ noſtræ Elizabethæ Dei Gratia Angliæ Franciæ et Hiberniæ Reginæ Fidei Defenſoris &c. de Perſona ſua ad Domum ſive Hoſpitale beatæ Mariæ Virginis de Greatham per lapſum temporis vacans factas quas humiliter petiit admitti et ſecundum tenorem earundem procedi, unde idem reverendus Pater eaſdem Literas præſentatorias quatenus de Jure cum omni honore et obedientia admiſit et virtute earundem Literarum eundem Johannem Bernes ad Domum ſive Hoſpitale intuitu Charitatis admiſit et ipſum Magiſtrum ſive Cuſtodem ejuſdem Domus ſive Hoſpitalis &c. delato primitus ei ac per ipſum præſtito non ſolum Juramento Corporali de agnoſcendo ſupremam regiam Poteſtatem &c. preſente tunc et ibidem Willielmo Barnes Generoſo.

GREATHAM HOSPITAL.

ARTICLES and Interrogatories miniſtred to the Maſter or Keeper, and Prieſts Clearks and poore Perſons or Brethren of the Hoſpital of the bleſſed Lady Mary the Virgin at GREATHAM *by the Reverend Father in God* Matthew *(Hutton) Lord Biſhopp of Durham in his Ordinary and Dioceſane Viſitation of the See of Durham* 1590.

1. INPRIMIS, whether the Maiſter of the ſaid Hoſpital at the time of his admiſſion to the ſame was within holie orders of Prieſthood or no? And whether ſo many and ſuch Prieſts and Clearks and poore Perſons be admitted and placed there as the foundation thereof doth require?

2. Item, how longe the ſaid Maiſter hath been Maiſter and Keeper of the ſaid Hoſpital, and whether ſince the time of his admiſſion he hath beene continually and perſonally reſident there, and perſonally taken the charge and care of that Hoſpital, as by the foundation thereof he is bound? If not; how longe, how often, and for what cauſes, whether for the buſineſs of the Houſe, or his owne private buſineſs he hath beene ſo abſent?

3. Item, whether the ſaid Maiſter be ſkilful circumſpect, diligent and careful for the Maintenance and good and proſperous Eſtaite of the Houſe? And whether he hath alienated altered or leaſed any the demeaſne Lands or other Lands of the ſaid houſe not leaſeable by the Foundation thereof, or waiſted the Goods or Stock thereof, or converted the ſame to his own uſe, or to any other uſe, then by the Foundation of that Hoſpital is allowed?

4. Item, whether the ſaid Maiſter and Prieſts doe daily ſay Service and Prayers in the Chappel there? And whether the poore Perſons and Members of that Houſe doe diligently repaire thereto, and who doth not their Duty herein?

5. Item, whether the ſaid Prieſts Clearks and poor Perſons of the ſaid Hoſpital, or any of them, be Offenders in any notorious crime, as Fornication, Adultery, Inceſt, Drunkenneſs, Charmeinge, Sorcery, &c? And whether any of them doe diſorderly or diſobediently behave themſelves to the ſaid Maiſter?

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6. Item, whether the ſaid Prieſts Clearks and poore People, and every of them, have all ſuch ſufficient and conveniente Meate Drinke Lodgeinge and Waiges and Profits, and in ſuch manner as the Foundation doth allowe, and as they have heretofore accuſtomably had?

7. Item, whether the ſaid Maiſter at the time of his Admiſſion to the ſaid Hoſpital did take a corporal Oath to performe obſerve and keepe the Ordinances and Statutes of that Hoſpital, on his behalfe to be obſerved and kept accordinge to the Foundation thereof? And whether he hath yearely ſince his ſaid Admiſſion given to the Biſhopp of Durham for the time beinge a true and perfect Inventary and Accompt of all the Goods moveable and unmoveable to the ſaid Hoſpital belonginge, and what the yearely Revenues and Profits of that Hoſpital is worth by yeare?

8. Item, whether the ſaid Maiſter, Prieſts, Clearks and poore Perſons and every of them have ever ſince the time of their ſeveral Admiſſions into that Hoſpital, fulfilled and kept all ſuch Statutes and Ordinances of the ſaid Hoſpital, and done their Duties therein, as to every of them reſpectively belongeth?

☞ *Biſhop Hutton* was brought up in Trinity-hall Cambridge, of which he became a Fellow, afterwards Maſter of Pembroke-hall, and one of the Divinity Profeſſors of that Univerſity; in 1567 he was made Dean of York, being then Rector of Boxworth in Cambridgeſhire, Prebendary of Ely, Weſtminſter, and of St. Pauls in London.

1589 June 9*th.* he was elected Biſhop of Durham, confirmed 26 July and conſecrated next day; He held the See of Durham five years, and on the 24 March 1595 was tranſlated to the Archbiſhoprick of York, where he ſat Eleven Years, and died at Biſhopthorpe 16 January 1605 aged 80 Years; buried in the South Choir of York Cathedral, where there is a Monument erected to his Memory with a long Inſcription.

REFOUNDATION CHARTER.

The Refoundation Charter *of* GREATHAM Hoſpital *in the County of Durham by* King JAMES *the Firſt*, 20*th.* July 1610.

REX Omnibus ad quos preſentes Literæ pervenerint Salutem. Cum *ROBERTUS quondam Dunelmenſis Epiſcopus Hoſpitale de GRETHAM in Comitatu ſive Epiſcopatu Dunelmenſi quondam fundavit aut ſaltem fundare pretendebat, ac Magiſtrum et Fratres ejuſdem Hoſpitalis ordinavit, ac eiſdem Magiſtro et Fratribus Hoſpitalis prædicti et ſucceſſoribus ſuis *Totum Manerium de* Gretham *una cum Advocatione Eccleſiæ ibidem cum pertinentiis*, ac diverſis libertatibus et privilegiis ad ſuſtentationem Pauperum ibidem in puram et perpetuam elemoſinam conceſſit.

Cumque poſtea Dominus *Edwardus* quondam Rex Angliæ *tertius* et Dominus *Henricus* quondam Rex Angliæ *quartus* prædictam Cartam *Roberti* quondam Dunelmenſis Epiſcopi confirmaverunt, ac prædictus Dominus *Henricus* quondam Rex Angliæ *quartus* dedit et conceſſit præfato Magiſtro et Fratribus Hoſpitalis prædicti et ſucceſſoribus ſuis *Unum Mercatum et duas Ferias ſive Nundinas* ad ulteriorem ſuſtentationem Pauperum Hoſpitalis prædicti imperpetuum tenenda.

Cumque poſtea †*Anthonius* quondam Dunelm. Epiſcopus dedit et conceſſit Magiſtro et Fratribus Hoſpitalis prædicti et ſucceſſoribus ſuis *Rectoriam Eccleſiæ Parochialis de Gretham cum pertinentiis* ac diverſis aliis poteſtatibus libertatibus et privilegiis prout per eandem cartam plenius liquet et apparet.

Cumque

*Robert Stichell 1272. †Anthony Beke *about* 1301.

Cumque quædam Perſonæ aliquem defectum et invaliditatem in prædicta Carta et Literis Patentibus animadvertentes nuper conati ſunt Statuta dicti Hoſpitalis prorſus evertere aut ſaltem labefactare, ac Terras, Tenementa, et Poſſeſſiones, ejuſdem vel eorum aliqua ad relevamen Pauperum in eodem Hoſpitali pro tempore exiſtentium religioſe et piè data et conceſſa ad privatum ſuum commodum tranſferre, ac quo magis prædictos conatus et intentiones ſuas ad effectum producere poſſent Hoſpitale, Terras, Tenementa, et Hereditamenta, prædicta ſub jure et titulo noſtro ſibi ipſis acquirere laboraverunt.

NOS pia et charitativa opera bonorum et piorum hominum favere et manutenere cupientes et nolentes quod per nos aut in noſtro jure vel ſub obtentu manus noſtræ aliquod dampnum vel detrimentum pauperibus et egenis inferatur ac penitus deteſtantes ex redditibus et aliis quibuſcumque ad hujuſmodi uſus deſtinatis ditari.

Volentes inſuper ex abundantiori gratia noſtra jus titulum et demandam noſtra quecunque quæ habemus aut habere potuimus in præmiſſis liberè et gratioſè conferre et extendere ad fortificationem munimentum et eſtablimentum Hoſpitalis prædicti et Revenciones ejuſdem de gratia noſtra ſpeciali ac ex certa ſcientia et mero motu noſtris, Volumus ac per præſentes pro nobis hæredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris; Concedimus, quod prædictum Hoſpitale ſive Domus ſcituata et exiſtens in *Gretham* in Comitatu ſive Epiſcopatu Dunelmenſi prædicto modo vulgariter vocata *The Hoſpital of Gretham* de cetero imperpetuum ſit et erit et permaneat Hoſpitale Pauperum in in *Gretham* prædicta in Comitatu Palatino Dunelmenſi pro ſuſtentatione et relevamine et manutentione Pauperum.

Et

Et quod dictum Hoſpitale de cetero imperpetuum erit aut eſſe poſſit et conſiſtet de *Uno Magiſtro et treſdecim Viris pauperibus* in eodem Hoſpitali imperpetuum inveniendis et ſuſtentandis: Et quod dictum Hoſpitale deinceps imperpetuum vocabitur *Hoſpitale Dei in Gretham in Comitatu Palatino Dunelmenſi* et dictum Magiſtrum et treſdecim Viros pauperes per nomen *Magiſtri et Fratrum Hoſpitalis Dei in Gretham in Comitatu Palatino Dunelmenſi* erigimus, creamus, nominamus, fundamus, et ſtabilimus firmiter per præſentes.

Et quod de cetero imperpetuum ſit et erit in dicto Hoſpitali *unus Homo qui erit Artium Magiſter aut Legum Bacchalarius ad minus* qui erit et vocabitur *Magiſter Hoſpitalis de Gretham* prædicti ac omnium Terrarum, Tenementorum, Reddituum, Hereditamentorum, Bonorum, et Catallorum ejuſdem Hoſpitalis.

Quodque de cetero perpetuis futuris temporibus ſint et erunt in eodem Hoſpitali, *Treſdecim pauperes et egeni Viri celibes et innupti provectæ ætatis*, ibidem ſuſtentandi, manutenendi, et relevandi, qui ſimiliter vocabuntur *Fratres Hoſpitalis Dei in Gretham prædicti.*

Ac pro meliore performatione conceſſionis noſtræ in hac parte, elegimus, nominavimus, aſſignavimus, et conſtituimus, ac per præſentes pro nobis hæredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris, eligimus nominamus, aſſignamus, et conſtituimus, dilectum nobis HENRICUM DETHICKE Legum Bacchalarium ac unum Magiſtrorum Curiæ Cancellariæ noſtræ, fore et eſſe *primum* et modernum *Magiſtrum* dicti Hoſpitalis ac Terrarum, Tenementorum, Poſſeſſionum, Reventionum, Bonorum, et Catallorum, ejuſdem Hoſpitalis, ibidem remanſurum durante vita ſua naturali.

Et

Et ulterius de uberiori gratia noſtra ſpeciali ac ex certa ſcientia et mero motu noſtris, elegimus nominavimus aſſignavimus et conſtituimus, ac per præſentes pro nobis hæredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris, eligimus nominamus aſſignamus et conſtituimus dilectos nobis *Georgium Reveley*, *Thomam Buttery*, *Gerrardum Speede*, *Edwardum White*, *Radulphum Johnſon*, *Richardum Hapley*, *Thomam Richardſon*, *Johannem Culley*, *Thomam Varrey*, *Thomam Parker*, *Johannem Chambers*, *Rogerum Wilſon*, et *Thomam Smith*, fore et eſſe *primos* et modernos *Fratres* ejuſdem Hoſpitalis, ibidem remanſuros, ſuſtinendos, et relevandos durantibus vitis ſuis naturalibus.

Et ut hæc pia et charitativa intentio noſtra meliorem capiat effectum, et ut Terræ, Tenementa, Bona, Catalla, et Hereditamenta, ad manutentionem Hoſpitalis prædicti, ac Magiſtri et Fratrum in eodem Hoſpitali de tempore in tempus relevandorum et ſuſtentandorum melius dari concedi perquiri et poſſideri poſſint.

Volumus ac pro nobis hæredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris de conſimili gratia noſtra ſpeciali certa ſcientia et mero motu noſtris, concedimus, ordinamus et conſtituimus quod iidem Magiſter et Fratres Hoſpitalis prædicti et ſucceſſores ſui, ſint et erunt de cetero imperpetuum *unum Corpus Corporatum et Politicum de ſe* et in re facto et nomine per nomen *Magiſtri et Fratrum Hoſpitalis Dei in Gretham in Comitatu Palatino Dunelmenſi*, et ipſos Magiſtrum et Fratres et ſucceſſores ſuos, per nomen Magiſtri et Fratrum Hoſpitalis Dei in *Gretham* in Comitatu Palatino Dunelmenſi *Incorporamus*, et unum Corpus Corporatum et Politicum per idem nomen imperpetuum duraturum realiter et ad plenum pro nobis hæredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris

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erigimus, facimus, ordinamus, conſtituimus, et ſtabilimus firmiter per præſentes.

Quodque per idem nomen Magiſtri et Fratrum Hoſpitalis Dei in *Gretham* in Comitatu Palatino Dunelmenſi perpetuis futuris temporibus vocabuntur appellabuntur et nominabuntur, et quod per idem nomen habeant ſucceſſionem perpetuam, et quod ipſi per nomen Magiſtri et Fratrum Hoſpitalis Dei in *Gretham* in Comitatu Palatino Dunelmenſi ſint et erunt perpetuis futuris temporibus Perſonæ habiles et in lege capaces, ad habendum, perquirendum, recipiendum, et poſſidendum, Maneria, Meſſuagia, Terras, Tenementa, Prata, Paſcua, Paſturas, Redditus, Reverciones, Remaneria, et alia Hereditamenta, ſibi et ſucceſſoribus ſuis in perpetuum tam de nobis hæredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris, quam de aliqua alia perſona quacunque, ſeu de aliquibus aliis perſonis quibuſcunque, quam etiam Bona et Catalla ad ſuſtentationem, manutentionem, et relevamen Hoſpitalis prædicti, ac prædicti Magiſtri et Fratrum ibidem de tempore in tempus degentium et ſuſtentandorum.

Volumus etiam ac per præſentes pro nobis hæredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris concedimus præfatis Magiſtro et Fratribus Hoſpitalis prædicti et ſucceſſoribus ſuis, quod ipſi et ſucceſſores ſui imperpetuum habeant *Commune Sigillum* pro cauſis et negotiis ſuis et ſucceſſorum ſuorum concernentibus Hoſpitale prædictum de tempore in tempus deſerviturum.

Et quod bene liceat et licebit eiſdem Magiſtro et Fratribus Hoſpitalis prædicti et ſucceſſoribus ſuis, *Sigillum* illud ad libitum ſuum de tempore in tempus *frangere*, *mutare, et de novo facere*, prout eis melius fieri et fore videbitur.

Et

Et quod prædicti Magiſter et Fratres Hoſpitalis prædicti et ſucceſſores ſui, per nomen Magiſtri et Fratrum Hoſpitalis Dei in *Gretham* in Comitatu Palatino Dunelmenſi *placitare et implacitari, reſpondere et reſponderi, proſequi, defendere et defendi poſſint et valeant* in quibuscunque et ſingulis cauſis, querelis, ſectis, et actionibus, quibuſcunque cujuſcunque naturæ ſeu generis fuerint, in quibuſcunq; Curiis Locis et Placeis noſtris hæredum et ſucceſſorum noſtrorum, ac in Curiis Locis et Placeis aliorum quorumcunque, coram quibuſcunq, Judicibus, Juſticiariis, et Commiſſionariis noſtris hæredum et ſucceſſorum noſtrorum et aliorum quorumcunque infra hoc Regnum noſtrum Angliæ et alibi ubicunque, et ad ea omnia et ſingula alia quecunque facienda, agenda, et exequenda, per nomen prædictum, in tam amplis modo et forma prout aliæ perſonæ legei noſtri perſonæ habiles et in lege capaces infra regnum noſtrum Angliæ faciant et facere valeant et poſſint, in Curiis Locis et Placeis prædictis, ac coram Judicibus, Juſticiariis, et Commiſſionariis prædictis.

Et ulterius volumus conceſſimus et ordinavimus, ac per præſentes pro nobis hæredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris, volumus, concedimus, et ordinamus, quod cum et quoties impoſterum contigerit *Magiſtrum* Hoſpitalis prædicti pro tempore exiſtentem *obire*, vel ab officio ſuo Magiſtri Hoſpitalis prædicti, pro aliqua cauſa, obquam juxta ordinacionem, proviſionem, et conſtitutionem, pro regimine, gubernatione, et directione Hoſpitalis prædicti, ante hac factam ſeu impoſterum fiendam, ſeu aliquo alio quocunque modo ab eodem Hoſpitale *amoveri*, vel ab inde totaliter ſponte *recedere*, quod tunc et toties *Epiſcopus Dunelmenſis* pro tempore exiſtens, *aliam idoneam Perſonam*

ſonam eidem loco Magiſtri ſic decedentis amoti ſeu totaliter recedentis, *infra quatuordecim dies* proxime poſt deceſſum, amocionem, ſeu receſſum illum ſequentes, *nominabit*, *conſtituet*, *et admittet*, et in realem poſſeſſionem inde ponet.

Et ulterius Volumus, quod cum et quoties contigerit impoſterum *aliquem vel aliquos* eorundem *Fratrum* Hoſpitalis prædicti *obire*, vel ab Hoſpitali prædicto *amotum fore* pro aliqua cauſa, obquam juxta ordinacionem, proviſionem, et conſtitutionem, pro regimine, gubernatione, et directione Hoſpitalis prædicti, ante hac factam ſeu impoſterum fiendam, ſeu aliquo alio quocunque modo ab eodem Hoſpitale amoveri, vel ab inde totaliter ſponte recedere, quod tunc et toties Magiſter Hoſpitalis prædicti pro tempore exiſtens, aliam ſive *aliam idoneam Perſonam* ſive Perſonas ſic decedentem, amotam, ſeu totaliter recedentem, *infra quatuordecim dies* proxime poſt deceſſum amocionem ſeu eceſſum illum ſequentes, *nominabit*, *conſtituet*, *admittet*, et in realem poſſeſſionem inde ponet.

Ac ulterius declaramus et ſignificamus per præſentes, quod *Epiſcopus Dunelmenſis* pro tempore exiſtens et ſucceſſores ſui pro tempore *ſit et erit*, *ſint et erunt verus et indubitatus Patronus ac veri et indubitati Patroni ejuſdem Hoſpitalis*, et quod habeant de tempore in tempus *Preſentationem*, Nominationem, Collacionem, Admiſſionem, et Inſtitutionem prædicti *Magiſtri*, toties quoties idem Hoſpitale vacaverit per mortem, ceſſionem, reſignationem, deprivationem, vel aliter in tam amplis modo et forma prout prædictus *Robertus* quondam Dunelmenſis Epiſcopus *Fundator* dicti nuper *Hoſpitalis*, ſive reputatus Fundator Hoſpitalis, aut aliqui alii Epiſcopi Dunelmenſis, antehac habuere

habuere uſi et gaviſi fuere ſive debuere.

Volumus etiam, ac per præſentes pro nobis hæredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris concedimus quod *Epiſcopus Dunelmenſis* pro tempore exiſtens et ſucceſſores ſui de tempore in tempus, *reviſent*, *examinabunt*, *et perſcrutabuntur antiqua Statuta*, *Jura*, *Ordinaciones*, *et Conſtitutiones*, Hoſpitalis prædicti, ac tot et talia eorundem antiquorum Statutorum, Ordinationem, et Conſtitutionem, quot qualia et quatenus eadem ſunt repugnantia aut contraria Legibus et Statutis hujus Regni noſtri Angliæ ſolummodo penitus *expurgare*, *delere*, *et obliterare*, ea intentione, ut poſthac in uſus aut executionem non ponantur; ac etiam *facere et conſtituere* tot tanta talia et hujuſmodi *alia bona idonea et ſalubria Statuta*, *Jura*, *Ordinationem*, *et Conſtitutionem* in ſcriptis, tam concernentia divinum Servicium de die in diem in prædicto Hoſpitali in honorem Dei celebrandum, quam concernentia gubernationem et directionem Magiſtri et Fratrum in Hoſpitali prædicto relevandorum quot quanta et quæ prædicto Epiſcopo Dunelmenſi pro tempore exiſtenti bona utilia idonea et ſalubria videbuntur non exiſtentia contraria repugnantia ſeu derogantia antiquis Statutis Ordinationibus et Conſtitutionibus dicti Hoſpitalis ante hac factis, quatenus hujuſmodi antiqua Statuta Ordinationes et Conſtitutiones non ſunt vel erunt contraria nec repugnantia Legibus vel Statutis hujus regni noſtri Angliæ: Eademque omnia et ſingula ſive eorum aliquod vel aliqua ſic de novo facta vel fienda ſecundum veram intentionem harum Literarum noſtrarum Patentium revocare, mutare, determinare, augmentare, alterare, vel de novo facere, prout ei de tempore in tempus melius videbitur expedire.

Quequidem Statuta, Jura, Ordinationes, et Conſtitutiones, ſicut

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præfertur fienda et conſtituenda et ordinanda, volumus et concedimus, ac per præſentes pro nobis hæredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris firmiter præcipimus et mandamus inviolabiliter obſervari teneri et performari de tempore in tempus in futurum, ita tamen quod ejuſmodi Statuta Jura Ordinationes et Conſtitutiones ſicut præfertur fienda conſtituenda et ordinanda, vel aliqua eorum non ſunt contraria aut repugnantia legibus aut ſtatutis hujus regni noſtri Angliæ vel antiquis ſtatutis ordinationibus et conſtitutionibus dicti Hoſpitalis quatenus eadem antiqua ſtatuta ordinationes et conſtitutiones ejuſdem Hoſpitalis non ſunt contraria nec repugnantia legibus aut ſtatutis hujus regni noſtri Angliæ.

Dedimus etiam et conceſſimus ac per præſentes pro nobis hæredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris damus et concedimus præfatis Magiſtro et Fratribus Hoſpitalis Dei in *Gretham* in Comitatu Palatino Dunelmenſi prædicto et ſucceſſoribus ſuis in perpetuum, *Totum illud Manerium de Gretham* in prædicto Comitatu Palatino Dunelmenſi cum omnibus et ſingulis ſuis juribus membris libertatibus et pertinentiis univerſis; *Ac totam illam Rectoriam et Eccleſiam noſtram de Gretham* prædicta in prædicto Comitatu Palatino Dunelmenſi cum omnibus et ſingulis ſuis juribus membris et pertinentiis univerſis, *ac Advocationem Donationem liberam Diſpoſitionem et jus Patronatus Vicariæ Eccleſiæ Parochialis de Gretham prædicta*, de quibus reputati Magiſter et Fratres Hoſpitalis prædicti vel eorum aliquis vel aliqui per ſpatium ſexaginta annorum ultime elapſorum ante datam harum noſtrarum literarum Patentium de facto ſaltem ſi non de jure habuere percepere vel gaviſi fuere annuales redditus exitus revenciones ſeu proficua quietè et abſque diſturbatione.

Ac

Ac etiam omnia et ſingula *Meſſuagia, Molendina, Domos, Ædificia, Structuras, Horrea, Stabula, Columbaria, Hortos, Pomaria, Gardina, Terras, Tenementa, Prata, Paſcua, Paſturas, Vaſta, Jampnua, Brueras, Moras, Mariſcos, Boſcos, Subboſcos, Fructus, Proficua, Commoditates Advantagia, Emolumenta, et Hereditamenta, Redditus, Reverſiones, Servicia, Penſiones, Portiones, Redditus Siccos, ac Redditus et Servicia, tam Liberorum quam Cuſtomariorum Tenentium, opera Tenentium, Curias Letas, Viſum Franci Plegii, ac omnia quæ ad Viſum Franci Plegii pertinent ſeu impoſterum ſpectare poſſint aut debent, Nativos, Nativas et Villanos cum eorum Sequelis, Eſtoveriis et Communias Eſtoveriorum, Nundinas, Mercatus, Tolneta, Theolonia, Cuſtinuma, Juris, Juriſdictiones, Libertates, Privilegia, Proficua, Commoditates, Advantagia, Emolumenta, et Hereditamenta noſtra quæcunq;* cum ſuis juribus membris et pertinentiis univerſis et cujuſcunque ſint generis naturæ ſeu ſpeciei ſeu quibuſcunque nominibus ſciantur cenſeantur nuncupentur ſeu cognoſcantur ſcituata jacentia et exiſtentia provenientia creſcentia renovantia contingentia ſive emergentia infra Villam Campum Locum Parochiam ſive Hamlett de *Gretham* prædicta in dicto Comitatu Palatino Dunelmenſi vel alibi ubicunque prædictum Manerium de *Gretham* Rectoriam et Advocationem aut eorum alicui ſpectantia pertinentia incidentia vel appendentia aut ut membrum partem vel parcellam eorundem Manerii Rectoriæ ſive Advocationis aut eorum alicujus unquam antehac habita cognita accepta occupata uſitata dimiſſa locata reputata ſive gaviſa exiſtentia; necnon reverſionem et reverſiones remanere et remanere noſtra quæcunque omnium et ſingulorum præmiſſorum et cujuſlibet

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inde parcellæ dependentis vel expectantis de in vel ſuper aliquam dimiſſionem vel conceſſionem pro termino vitæ vitarum vel annorum, aut aliter de præmiſſis ſuperius per præſentes præconceſſis ſeu de aliqua inde parcella facta exiſtente de recordo vel non de recordo ac redditus et annualia proficua quæcunque omnium et ſingulorum eorundem præmiſſorum et cujuſlibet inde parcellæ.

Volumus etiam ac per præſentes pro nobis hæredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris concedimus præfatis Magiſtro et Fratribus Hoſpitalis prædicti et ſucceſſoribus ſuis quod ipſi et ſucceſſores ſui de cetero imperpetuum habeant teneant et gaudeant ac habere tenere et gaudere valeant et poſſint infra prædictum Manerium Terras Tenementa ac cetera omnia et ſingula præmiſſa ſuperius per præſentes præconceſſa ac infra quamlibet inde parcellam deinceps imperpetuum tot tanta talia eadem hujuſmodi et conſimilia Curias Letas, Viſum Franci Plegii, Libertates, Franchefias, Bona et Catalla Waviata, Bona et Catalla Felonum et Fugitivorum Felonum, Deodanda, Nundinas, Mercatus, Tolneta, Theolonia, ac omnia alia Jura, Juriſdictiones, Franchefias, Conſuetudines, Libertates, Privilegia, Proficua, Commoditates, Advantagia, Poſſeſſiones, Emolumenta, et Hereditamenta quæcunque, quot quanta qualia et que ac adeo plene libere et integre ac in tam amplis modo et forma prout aliqui Magiſtri et Fratres dicti Hoſpitalis aut aliquis alius ſive aliqui alii dicti Manerii Rectoriæ Advocationis et ceterorum præmiſſorum per præſentes præconceſſorum unquam ante hac habentes poſſidentes aut ſeiſiti inde exiſtentes habens poſſidens aut ſeiſitus inde exiſtens habuit tenuit vel gaviſus fuit aut unquam

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habuere tenuere vel gaviſi fuere ſeu habere tenere uti vel gaudere debuerunt aut debuit in præmiſſis ſuperius per præſentes præconceſſis aut in aliqua inde parcella ratione vel prætextu alicujus cartæ doni conceſſionis vel confirmationis per nos ſeu per aliquem Progenitorum noſtrorum nuper Regum vel Reginarum Angliæ ante hac habitorum factorum conceſſorum ſeu confirmatorum, aut ratione vel prætextu alicujus Actus Parliamenti vel aliquorum Actuum Parliamentorum, aut ratione vel prætextu alicujus legitimæ præſcriptionis uſus ſeu conſuetudinis ante hac habiti ſeu uſitati, aut alio quocunque legali modo jure ſeu titulo, ac adeo plene libere et integre ac in tam amplis modo et forma prout nos aut aliquis Progenitorum noſtrorum prædicta Manerium Advocationem Terras Tenementa ac cetera omnia et ſingula præmiſſa ſuperius per præſentes præconceſſa aut aliquam inde parcellam unquam habuimus aut gaviſi fuimus, aut habuerunt tenuerunt vel gaviſi fuerunt, aut habere et gaudere debuimus, aut habere et gaudere debuerunt aut debuit, ac adeo plene libere et integre acin tamamplis modo et forma prout ea omnia et ſingula præmiſſa ſuperius per præſentes præconceſſa aut aliqua inde parcella ad manus noſtras ſeu ad manus aliquorum Progenitorum ſive Anteceſſorum noſtrorum nuper Regum vel Reginarum Angliæ ratione vel prætextu diſſolutionis vel ſurſum redditionis alicujus nuper Monaſterii Abbathiæ vel Prioratus, aut ratione vel prætextu alicujus Actus Parliamenti vel aliquorum Actuum Parliamentorum, aut ratione Eſchaetæ ſeu quocunque alio legali modo jure ſeu titulo devenerunt ac in manibus noſtris jam exiſtunt ſeu exiſtere debent vel deberent.

Habendum

REFOUNDATION CHARTER.

Habendum Tenendum et Gaudendum Manerium Rectoriam Advocationem Meſſuagia Terras Tenementa ac cetera omnia et ſingula præmiſſa ſuperius per præſentes præconceſſa cum eorum pertinentiis univerſis præfatis Magiſtro et Fratribus Hoſpitalis Dei in *Gretham* in Comitatu Palatino Dunelmenſi et ſucceſſoribus ſuis imperpetuum ad ſolum et proprium opus et uſum eorundem Magiſtri et Ftatrum Hoſpitalis Dei in *Gretham* in Comitatu Palatino Dunelmenſi prædicto et ſucceſſorum ſuorum imperpetuum; Tenenda de nobis hæredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris in libera pura et perpetua elemoſina imperpetuum, pro omnibus aliis redditibus ſerviciis exactionibus et demandis quibuſcunque proinde nobis hæredibus vel ſucceſſoribus noſtris quoquo modo reddendis ſolvendis vel faciendis.

Et ulterius de ampliori gratia noſtra ſpeciali ac ex certa ſcientia et mero motu noſtris pro nobis hæredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris dedimus conceſſimus pardonavimus remiſimus relaxavimus exoneravimus et confirmavimus, ac per præſentes damus concedimus pardonamus remittimus relaxamus exoneramus et confirmamus præfatis Magiſtro et Fratribus Hoſpitalis prædicti et ſucceſſoribus ſuis et omnibus aliis tenentibus et occupatoribus præmiſſorum ſuperius per præſentes præconceſſorum et cujuſlibet inde parcellæ, omnes intruſiones intraciones et ingreſſus de in et ſuper præmiſſis ſeu aliqua inde parte vel parcella antehac habitas factas, ac etiam omnia et ſingula exitus fines revenciones fructus annuales proficua et arreragia quæcunque omnium et ſingulorum præmiſſorum ſuperius per præſentes præconceſſorum et cujuſlibet inde parcellæ quoquomodoa ante datam harum literarum noſtrarum patentium hucuſque provenientia creſcentia accidentia incurrentia ſive ſolubilia ac omnia arreragia inde.

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Et ulterius de ampliori gratia noſtra ſpeciali ac ex certa ſcientia et mero motu noſtris, volumus ac per præſentes pro nobis hæredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris concedimus præfatis Magiſtro et Fratribus Hoſpitalis prædicti et ſucceſſoribus ſuis, quod bene liceat abhinc præfato Magiſtro et Fratribus Hoſpitalis prædicti et ſucceſſoribus ſuis *dimittere locare et ad firmam tradere* omnia et ſingula Meſſuagia Firmas Terras et Tenementa cum pertinentiis in *Gretham* prædicta eidem Hoſpitali ſive reputato Hoſpitali antehac ſpectantia ſive pertinentia quæ antehac uſualiter dimiſſa fuere *pro termino viginti et unius annorum vel trium vitarum in poſſeſſione et non pro ulteriore etate vel termino* et hoc pro et ſub meliore rationabili redditu proinde reſervando et ſolvendo.

Et ulterius de ampliori gratia noſtra ſpeciali, ac ex certa ſcientia et mero motu noſtris, Volumus et per præſentes concedimus præfato Magiſtro et Fratribus Hoſpitalis prædicti et ſucceſſoribus ſuis, quod nos hæredes et ſucceſſores noſtri imperpetuum annuatim et de tempore in tempus exonerabimus acquietabimus et indempnes conſervabimus tam dictum Magiſtrum et Fratres et ſucceſſores ſuos quam omnia et ſingula prædicta Manerium Rectoriam Advocationem Meſſuagia Terras Tenementa et Hereditamenta ſuperius per præſentes præconceſſas et quamlibet inde parcellam cum eorum pertinenciis univerſis verſus nos hæredes et ſucceſſores noſtros de et ab omnibus et omnimodis corrodiis redditibus feodis annuitatibus pencionibus portionibus et denariorum ſummis ac oneribus quibuſcunque de præmiſſis ſuperius per præſentes præconceſſis ſeu de aliqua inde parcella nobis hæredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris quoquomodo exeuntibus

bus ſeu ſolvendis vel ſuperinde verſus nos hæredes et ſucceſſores noſtros oneratis ſeu onerandis.

Volentes etiam ac per præſentes pro nobis hæredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris firmiter injungendo et præcipiendo tam Theſaurario Cancellario et Baronibus Scaccarii noſtri hæredum et ſucceſſorum noſtrorum quam omnibus et ſingulis receptoribus auditoribus et aliis officiariis et miniſtris noſtris hæredum et ſucceſſorum noſtrorum quibuſcunque pro tempore exiſtentium quod ipſi et eorum quilibet ſuper ſolam demonſtrationem harum literarum noſtrarum patentium vel irrotulamenta earundem abſque aliquo alio brevi ſeu warranto a nobis hæredibus vel ſucceſſoribus noſtris quoquomodo impetrando ſeu proſequendo plenam integram debitamque allocationem et exonerationem manifeſtam de et ab omnibus et ſingulis hujuſmodi corrodiis redditibus feodis annuitatibus pencionibus porcionibus et denariorum ſummis ac omnibus quibuſcunque præfatis Magiſtro et Fratribus Hoſpitalis prædicti et ſucceſſoribus ſuis facient et de tempore in tempus fieri cauſabunt: Et he literæ noſtræ patentes vel irrotulamenta earundem erunt annuatim et de tempore in tempus tam dicto Theſaurario Cancellariæ et Baronibus dicti Scaccarii noſtri hæredum et ſucceſſorum noſtrorum quam omnibus et ſingulis receptoribus auditoribus et aliis officiariis et miniſtris noſtris hæredum et ſucceſſorum noſtrorum quibuſcunque pro tempore exiſtentibus ſufficiens warrantum et exoneratio in hac parte.

Volumus etiam ac per præſentes concedimus præfato Magiſtro et Fratribus Hoſpitalis prædicti et ſucceſſoribus ſuis quod he literæ noſtræ patentes vel irrotulamenta earundem erunt in omnibus et per omnia firme valide bene ſufficientes et effectuales in lege erga et

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contra nos hæredes et ſucceſſores nooſtrs tam in omnibus curiis noſtris quam alibi infra regnum noſtrum Angliæ abſque aliquibus confirmacionibus licenciis vel tollerationibus de nobis hæredibus vel ſucceſſoribus noſtris quoquomodo impoſterum procurandis aut obtinendis non obſtante male nominando vel male recitando aut non recitando prædictum Manerium Rectoriam Advocationem Terras Tenementa ac cetera præmiſſa ſuperius per præſentes præconceſſa aut aliquam inde parcellam, et non obſtante non inveniendum officium aut inquiſitionem præmiſſorum aut alicujus inde parcellæ per quæ titulus noſter inveniri debuit ante confectionem harum literarum noſtrarum patentium, et non obſtante male recitando ſeu non nominando aliquam dimiſſionem ſive conceſſionem de præmiſſis vel de aliqua inde parcella facta exiſtentem de recordo vel non de recordo et non obſtante male nominando vel non nominando aliquam Villam Hamlettam Parochiam Locum vel Comitatum in quibus præmiſſa vel aliqua inde parcella exiſtent vel exiſtit, et non obſtante quod de nominibus tenentium firmariorum ſive occupatorum præmiſſorum aut alicujus inde parcellæ plena vera et certa non fit mentio, et non obſtante aliquibus defectibus de certitudine vel computatione aut declaratione veri annui valoris præmiſſorum aut alicujus inde parcellæ aut annuitatis reddi reſervatæ de et ſuper præmiſſis vel de et ſuper aliqua inde parcella in hiis literis noſtris patentibus expreſſa et contenta, et non obſtante Statuto in Parliamento Domini Henrici nuper Regis Angliæ ſexti anteceſſoris noſtri anno regni ſui decimo octavo facto et edito, et non obſtante Statuto de terris et tenementis ad manum mortuam non ponendis, et non obſtante Statuto in Parliamento Domini Edwardi nuper Regis Angliæ ſexti

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anteceſſoris noſtri anno regni ſui primo facto et edito, et non obſtante aliquibus defectibus in non recte nominando naturam genera ſpecies quantitatem aut qualitatem præmiſſorum aut alicujus inde parcellæ, et non obſtante male recitando non recitando aut non vere mencionando ſtatum vel ſtatus noſtræ de liber. tenentium aut hæreditarium de aut in præmiſſ. vel aliqua inde parcella ad quæ nos unquam antehac intitulati ſumus vel fuimus ratione alicujus attinctus eſcaetæ conveianciæ vel aſſuranciæ cujuſcumque, aut aliter ratione alicujus alii juris ſive tituli cujuſcunque, aut aliqua alia materia conſideratione cauſa aut alia re materiali non obſtante; Eo quod expreſſa mentio de vero valore annuo aut de certitudine præmiſſorum ſive eorum alicujus aut de aliis donis ſive conceſſionibus per nos ſeu per aliquem progenitorum ſive prædeceſſorum noſtrorum præfatis Magiſtro et Fratribus Hoſpitalis prædicti ante hæc tempora factis in præſentibus minime facta exiſtit, aut aliquo ſtatuto actu ordinatione proviſione proclamatione ſive reſtrictione in contrarium inde antehac habit. fact. edit. ordinat. ſeu proviſ. aut aliqua alia re cauſa vel materia quacunque in aliquo non obſtante. In cujus rei teſtimonium has Literas noſtras fieri fecimus Patentes, Teſte meipſo apud Weſtmonaſterium *viceſimo* die *Julii* anno regni noſtri Angliæ Franciæ et Hiberniæ octavo et Scotiæ quadrageſſimo quarto.

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